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BLAIRSVILLE
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PROSPECTUS

(Illustrated.)

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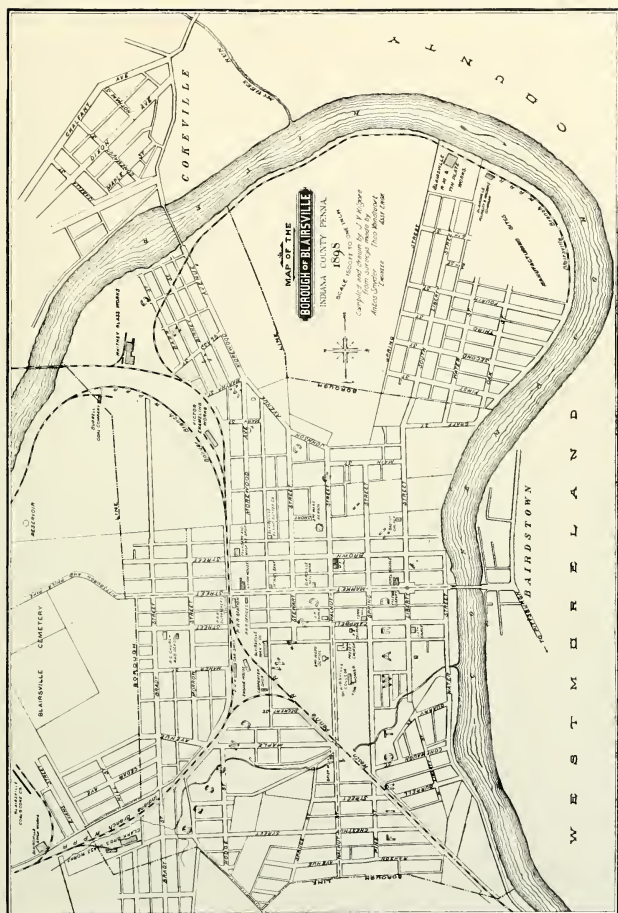
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BLAIRSVILLE, Indiana County's most highly favored city, abundantly supplied with coal, gas, water and railroads—the four prime requisites of a great manufacturing centre—is situated on the banks of the Conemaugh River, in one of the most beautiful locations in Western Pennsylvania.

In the selection of a dwelling place there are many considerations which have a bearing in arriving at a decision in regard to the desirability of any given locality. The first question which naturally arises is as to its healthfulness; secondly, as to the facilities afforded for the gaining of the comforts of life, then, as to whether with these things provided for, are the conditions such as to contribute to the highest enjoyment of these prime necessities of human existence. These questions are fully answered elsewhere in this volume.

Topographically considered, the beauty of the landscape delights the eye of the lover of nature. Nestling amid these everlasting hills on a broad plateau elevated many feet above high water mark, overlooking a rapidly flowing stream, no destructive cyclones on the one hand, nor miasmatic vapor, on the other, arise to destroy the lives or mar the healthfulness of the people; while the rich mineral deposits and fertile soil contribute to the comfort and prosperity of the residents, inviting the capital and energy of those located elsewhere. It is with a view to calling attention to these advantages that this book has been prepared, in the hope that an examination into the moral, social, educational and business advantages of Blairsville may lead those in search of a combination of these things to cast in their lot with us.

That the basis of all great cities is their geological and geographical condition and surroundings is a trite and true saying. Certainly, the excellent and unexcelled geographical and geological surroundings of Blairsville have in large measure contributed to make her what she is to-day—the centre of a section of Western Pennsylvania, rich in agricultural and mineral products. Situated on the great Pennsylvania Railroad connecting the East and the West, the markets of the Atlantic coast on the East, and the Mississippi Valley on the West are of easy access. Blairsville is the distributing point for a large section of the country, and is a splendid commercial and manufacturing centre.

Water.

As will be seen by a reference to our map, this town is abundantly supplied with water for all purposes, exhaustless in quantity and unexcelled in quality. The Conemaugh River flows around the town forming a semi-

circle. The river is a mountain stream, and while not navigable, affords a water pure and healthful, having a fall of over twenty feet within the city limits, and of almost 100 feet in a distance of two miles, affording cheap power for manufacturing purposes. This cheap power is worthy of consideration by capitalists, and offers splendid opportunities to investors. The city of Blairsville owns its water works, which were constructed in 1873, and the plant is one of the most perfect, best equipped, and most judiciously managed in the country. It being the property of the city, the rates to private consumers are extremely low, while the efficiency of the service is unsurpassed. Our supply of water is procured from a reservoir situated on a hill overlooking the town, and its elevation obviates the necessity of fire engines and guarantees at all times ample pressure to throw water over the highest buildings in the town. The supply has always been ample to meet all the demands, while the mains are distributed to all parts of the city, and at the most convenient points are placed fire hydrants, so carefully distributed, that every part of the town is fully protected. City water is used almost entirely for private consumption, manufacturing and mining. The city has a contract with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for furnishing all water used by its different lines centering at this point. By owning its own water works, Blairsville offers more liberal inducements to its manufacturers than any private corporation is known to do.

Coal.

One of the greatest sources of wealth to which Blairsville can lay claim is her coal fields, which are extensively operated for steam producing and cooking purposes. Blairsville is underlaid by three different and distinct coal veins, only one of which has, so far, ever been developed. The strata, in this locality, has an average thickness of about six feet, and the product of the Blairsville mines is in demand for the purposes mentioned above. The next two veins of coal are known among geologists as the upper and lower Freeport. These have each a thickness of about four feet, and at this place are from 200 to 300 feet deep, although a few miles East of here the two strata are united into one and are found much nearer the surface. This Freeport coal deposit has never been operated, and is considered by our people as a reserve field when in the remote future our Pittsburg vein shall be exhausted.

Natural Gas.

This, the most desirable of fuels, all things considered, that the world affords, is one of the blessings enjoyed by the town of Blairsville.

Railroad Advantages.

Any one who will examine the map will appreciate how admirably Blairsville is served by the Pennsylvania Railroad with its tracks passing

through the town in all directions. There is not a point where industries can be located which cannot be reached in an economical manner by connecting tracks or sidings. There can be no doubt that the railroad company will treat industries desiring to locate at Blairsville in the future with the same liberal policy it has extended to those already here. Having their own lines extending in all directions that company can reach the Great Lakes on the North; New York, Philadelphia and Boston in the East; Chicago, St. Louis and the Pacific Ocean in the West, giving Blairsville direct access by rail to all points in the United States, Canada and Mexico that can be reached by rail. Blairsville is the junction point of the Western Pennsylvania Railroad, extending west to Allegheny City, opposite Pittsburgh; the branch extending north to Indiana, the county-seat of Indiana County; the branch extending to Blairsville Intersection, where it joins the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad; the branch extending to Sang Hollow, near Johnstown, and the branch to the plant of the Blairsville Rolling Mill and Tin Plate Company. The great part of the through freight to and from Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago passes through Blairsville and this traffic will be very largely increased in the near future. Blairsville is the distributing point for the car supply of the system of roads and branches centering there which make a large supply of empty cars available. There are seven passenger trains daily each way between Blairsville and Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and three passenger trains daily each way between the same place and Indiana, the county-seat. The Headquarters and offices of the Engineer of Right of Way of the Pennsylvania Railroad are located at Blairsville, as well as of the Supervisor of that part of the Western Pennsylvania Division embracing all the branches centering there of the Western Pennsylvania Railroad as far west as Allegheny Junction. The railroad yards at Blairsville are quite extensive, having a capacity of over 400 cars.

The railroad company make Blairsville a point for the transfer of freight, having a regular transfer station and employing a force of men on that work. The company also maintain a repair shop with force of car inspectors and repair men employed all the time, and they also have an engine house, with sand-house and four water stand pipes for the use of the locomotives. In the yard they have a track scales for the weighing of loaded freight cars. The company also have offices for the telegraph and for the yard master, with accommodations for train men who lay over. Blairsville is a stopping point for all trains, where there is a passenger and freight station for the accommodation of the public. Blairsville is also headquarters for the wreck train attached to the Supervisor's Division. Blairsville being in the eastern end of the Connellsville Coal basin, has in addition to its many advantages that of an amply supply of the best fuel which can be had at a small cost. Its location in the coal field insures a continuance of this supply at a cheap rate even after the coal in the immediate vicinity has been exhausted as the haul by rail will be short.

Stone.

Within a radius of three miles very desirable sand stone can be secured in large quantities at a very low cost. This stone is valuable for building purposes and for trimmings. In addition to the sand stone before mentioned are large deposits of Blue stone from which are manufactured belgian paving blocks, ballast, concrete, etc.

Blairsville Historical.

The town of Blairsville is the largest Borough in Indiana county. It is situated in a beautiful and healthful location on the Conemaugh River, and inhabited by a thrifty, industrious, cultured people. It was laid out in July and August, 1818, and was incorporated as a Borough March the 25th, 1825. The town was named in honor of a pioneer, John Blair, who, in his day, was prominently connected with the construction and management of turnpikes. James Baird, Sr., laid the warrant which included the larger portion of the town, and sold it to James Campbell, of Franklin county, Pa., who, in connection with Andrew Brown, laid out the town and offered the first lots for sale November 11th, 1818. The Western division of the Pennsylvania Canal was completed in 1831, and proved a great boon to the town, making this a leading shipping point, on their main thoroughfare, between the East and West. Even before this, the great Philadelphia and Pittsburg stage line run through Blairsville, and what is now Market street was then a part of the old turnpike connecting the East with the West. The BLAIRSVILLE RECORD, which was established in 1827, was the first newspaper. It was published by Murray & McFarland. The town generally has supported two weekly papers since that time. In 1880 the BLAIRSVILLE ENTERPRISE was established, and at the present time prospers under the able management of Joseph Moorhead & Son. It is now a tri-weekly. The COURIER was established in 1892, and is now a successful daily publication. Charles Kerler is its able editor and publisher.

The medical profession has always been well represented in our city. The present medical staff consists of Drs. L. S. Clagett, I. P. Klingensmith, A. T. Rutledge, W. R. Miller, Norman Lewis, F. J. Madden, William Hunter, George Hunter, J. L. Harding and J. B. Carson.

Our City Government.

The town during its entire history has been remarkably successful in its selection of honorable men to office, with the result that its affairs have been well conducted. The tax rate is low, and the public improvements are up to date. The first Burgess was John Cunningham. The present incumbent is John I. Chapman. The present city government is one of the most progressive that the town has had. The Council consists of nine members,



Third Ward Public School.

three from each ward, as follows : Dr. I. P. Klingensmith, J. M. Harvey, George W. DeLancy, J. B. Baughman, G. A. Gibson, Harry McKee, J. B. Kilgore, T. C. Watson and Thomas Murray.

Fraternal and Beneficial Societies.

The town is well supplied with its full quota of societies. All of which are in a prosperous condition.

Our Churches.

As will be noted elsewhere, the town is well supplied with Church facilities, with commodious buildings for comfort and convenience of worshippers. Here all may worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience, and with the mutual regard of their fellows. Blairsville is perhaps better supplied with churches than any town of her size in the country ; the combined church seating capacity is equal to the entire population.

Our Educational Advantages.

In the list of advantages possessed by Blairsville, none are greater than that of her institutions of learning—her temples of instruction. Conforming to the requirements of this age of progress, and readily appreciating the fact that a people to be free, intelligent and useful must be educated, our people have sought by extending a liberal hand, to foster and promote within our midst the glorious and beneficial scheme of popular education. Blairsville says to her citizens educate your children, instruct your youth, and places within the reach of all a liberal education. This city has maintained her public schools with commendable generosity, making the schools of Blairsville second in efficiency to none in the State. The present Board of School Controllers is composed of conscientious, scholarly men, who have the interest of the public schools at heart, and make them paramount to their own personal interests. They are non-prejudiced against creed or nationality and are willing to make personal sacrifices for the general welfare of the boys and girls. The policy of the board is improvement, and as several members have served a number of years successful apprenticeship as instructors in the public schools, they know her needs and leave nothing undone to supply every want by the most economical use of the school funds. During the past year, a large, eight room, brick edifice, heated and ventilated by the latest and most improved methods, was erected at a considerable expense in the second ward, and now Blairsville can boast of two magnificent, up-to-date, well equipped public school buildings. The schools for the past two years have been under the able management of Prof. G. T. Jannison, assisted by a corps of fifteen competent, progressive teachers, and are closely graded, carefully classified, and thoroughly systematized. The course of study covers twelve years, nine of which are spent in the grade work, and three in the high



Second Ward Public School.

school. The town is especially proud of the high school, of its increased attendance, of the stick-to-ativeness of the pupils, and of the stimulus created for greater attainments in the pursuit of knowledge than that afforded in the other schools. The course of study has been enriched and advanced from year to year, and now it can be truthfully stated that the Blairsville public schools stand in the foremost rank of first class schools. The last graduating class, that of 1898, was composed of eight young men and four young ladies. The high standard of proficiency they had attained in their work was clearly shown by the high grades made on final examination, and the excellent manner in which they acquitted themselves at commencement time. During the past year the school curriculum was further enriched by the introduction of vocal music in charge of an experienced and proficient instructor, whereby all the pupils receive daily instruction in vocal music. Since music has ever been considered the handmaid of religion, and since no one doubts its refined influence, its refreshing, reviving effect on the minds of the children, its correlation with the other subjects of the school course, great good is expected from its introduction. Though several reforms have been wrought, and progress made evident, it would be folly for school patrons to be content with present achievements. Encouraged by past experience, the people of Blairsville hope to continue in the onward march of intellectual progress, so characteristic of the age, until our boys and girls shall enjoy not only a practical education at every turn of life, but the highest scholastic training possible with fixed sentiments of moral truth and devotion to man and State. The present Board of Controllers consists of Milton G. Miller, President ; D. E. Thompson, Secretary ; Rob't M. Wilson, Treasurer, George Davis, Theodore Vandivort and Newton Kelly.



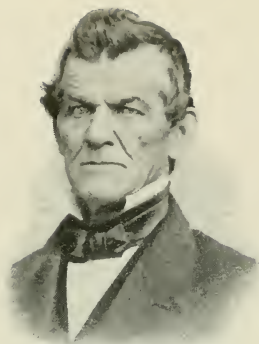
Blairsville Library and Free Reading Room.

The Blairsville Library and Free Reading Room.

This institution was established under a charter granted July 6, 1886. The first officers were Hon. John Hill, President ; A. P. Kirtland, Secretary, and Maj. T. D. Cunningham, Treasurer. The funds required for the enterprise were raised by subscription by the public spirited citizens of Blairsville and vicinity, and outside parties interested in such benevolent institutions. The amount raised was as follows :

Contributed by life members	\$ 600 00
“ “ general subscription of citizens	1,679 06
“ “ Andrew Carnegie	650 00
“ “ William Thaw	100 00
Realized from sale of paper	3 00
Total	<u>\$3,032 06</u>

All of this amount was expended in the purchase of the property and the fitting up and furnishing the Library and Reading Room and for a supply of books. A valuable collection of books was also donated by the Y. M. C. A. of Blairsville. Every year since the organization there has been additions made to the books. The rooms of the Library Association are pleasantly and conveniently located on Market street, near the public square. They are supplied with a well chosen collection of some 1000 volumes, and with the current monthly magazines, and illustrated weekly papers. Any one who desires to do so has the privilege of using the Reading Room and reading any of the books, magazines or papers without any charge. When books are to be taken away from the library an annual charge of \$2.00 is made or a deposit required. The rooms are open, excepting on Sunday, from 2 to 4 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m. The Library has been supported from the annual dues and from the contribution of those interested in its welfare. Recognizing the great good accomplished in the community by the Library and Reading Room, our progressive and liberal Town Council, who are ever willing and ready to encourage all enterprises which tend to promote the welfare of our town have made a liberal appropriation to aid in the support of the Library. Strangers are always made welcome and will receive every attention from the Librarian. The ladies have always taken active interest in the Association and its success is largely due to their efforts. In addition to the Library and Reading Room there is on exhibition an interesting collection of stuffed birds and a cabinet of minerals which will repay examination and which the management hope to be able to increase in the near future. The present officers are : Antes Snyder, President ; Miss Janet Richey, Secretary ; Mrs. D. M. Kier, Treasurer. The Board of Managers are ; Mrs. T. C. Watson, Mrs. Antes Snyder, Miss Janet Richey, Miss Anna Stitt, Hon. John Hill, Dr. L. S. Claggett, D. M. Fair, M. J. Lewis, W. P. Graff and Antes Snyder.



JOHN GRAFF

class leader. In the death of John Graff, Blairsville lost one of its solid men.

JOHN GRAFF, one of the early settlers in Blairsville, was born in 1800. Mr. Graff came to Blairsville when a young man and at once engaged in the mercantile business and continued until his death in 1885. Mr. Graff conducted one of the largest and most substantial businesses in Western Pennsylvania in his day. He was one of the original abolitionists and was for many years one of the conductors of the Underground Railroad. A man of strong conviction, he was not afraid to express himself. Mr. Graff was a prominent member of the M. E. Church and was for many years a trustee and steward and



PAUL GRAFF.

PAUL GRAFF is one of the oldest residents of Blairsville, being born in 1838. He has been actively engaged in business since a boy. Mr. Graff obtained his education at the public schools and graduated at Duffs College. He was for upwards of 40 years a member of the firm of John Graff & Sons, one of the best known firms in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Graff is a man who is prominently identified with all the interests of the community. He has been President of the First National Bank since 1874, being only 36 years of age when elected to this position. Under his administration the institution has grown rapidly and is and always has been one of

the solid and substantial institutions in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Graff has been in feeble health for upwards of four years, having a stroke of paralysis, but is still active. At present he is President of the Citizens H. L. & P. Co., President of the Blairsville Coke Co., President of the Blairsville Land Improvement Co., Director of the Ridgeway Park Association, and President of both the Boards of Trustees and Stewards of the M. E. Church.



JACOB GRAFF.

JACOB GRAFF. Among the men whose record has now passed into history, Blairsville has had no citizen whose busy and industrious career has shed more lustre upon his name and his town, than has that of Jacob Graff whose life's work was completed last December.

Mr. Graff was born at Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland County, September 23rd, 1834, and came with his parents, John and Lucy Graff, to Blairsville in 1837. Thus this was the only home he ever knew; the home that he loved, and here his long business career stands out prominently as one thoroughly successful. Mr.

Graff was a broad minded, judicious man, thoughtful and considerate, a wise financier, a splendid manager, and almost universally successful in all of his business ventures. He was public spirited, generous to a fault, kind hearted and true, and no one knew his value to the town until his services were taken from it.

During his active life there was no important public enterprise inaugurated with which he was not directly or indirectly connected.

He served as a Director of the First National Bank, as Manager for more than 20 years of the Isabella Coke Works, and as Superintendent of the Blairsville Coke Company's plant.

He was one of the chief workers in organizing the Blairsville Rolling Mill and Tin Plate Co., and subscribed liberally to its capital stock. But owing to conditions over which the company had no control, misfortune overtook it, and had not Mr. Graff come forward at this juncture and risked his own means in order to save something for the stockholders by buying the stock at more than it was worth and taking all the risk upon his own shoulders, everything would have been lost. Many people predicted that he would be ruined, but his guiding hand by degrees brought light out of darkness, and by almost rebuilding the mill, at first so defectively constructed, and the aid of strong financial support he was able to stem the tide and had planned still greater things for the plant.

Mr. Graff was probably the most extensive employer of labor in this locality. Indeed he seemed to regard it as his duty to find employment for the wage earner, and always showed himself to be a public spirited, open hearted, generous citizen, ready to do more than his part to help the town.

Of Mr. Graff's home life nothing need or should be said, except as a husband and father he lacked as little as he did in his more public capacities.

He was married August 11th, 1864, to Miss Sallie J. R. Davis, daughter of the late Rev. James Davis. She serves him, as do also two daughters, Miss Willma, and Mrs. F. M. Graff. His home has ever been noted as one where culture and refinement held full sway, and ideally pleasant in its appointments, with over and about it all an atmosphere of rest and quiet.



REV. JAMES DAVIS.

REV. JAMES DAVIS was born in Pittsburg in 1808. When fourteen years of age he removed to the vicinity of Blairsville, his father Rev. Thomas Davis having become pastor of Old Salem and West Union (now Blairsville) Presbyterian Churches.

Mr. Davis graduated from Jefferson College in 1834 and from the Western Theological Seminary in 1837. He was pastor at Morgantown, Va., for seventeen years. He moved to Stony Run farm in 1856 on account of the health of his eldest son. He refused several tempting calls to churches that he might devote himself to the care of his son. Such time as he could

spare was spent in Home Missionary work among feeble churches along the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, especially at Manor, Harrison City, Derry, Blacklick and Armagh. For nearly thirty years he was Stated Clerk of the Blairsville Presbytery, his minutes being noted as models of neatness and precision. He served in the Christian Commission during the war, both in the Potomac and Western Armies. While in Murfreesboro he established the first school for colored people ever opened in Tennessee.

Mr. Davis built his beautiful home "Sunny-bank" in 1867 where he resided until his death in 1895. He married Margaret W., daughter of Joseph Long, of Pittsburg, in 1837, and she still resides in the old homestead.

Mr. Davis was a liberal, progressive citizen, anxious always to do everything for the best interests of the community. He was a man of most extensive information and an omniverous reader. This led to his remarkable conversational powers, while his genial hearty manners were an inspiration and a delight, especially to the young. Of a remarkably frank, open disposition, he harbored enmity against none and passed away honored and respected by all.



REV. GEORGE HILL, D. D.

officer he was prompt, decided, and just. His leadership was like that of the sun, and men followed it for the light that fell in its pathway, and for the blessings that attended it." He founded the Blairsville Seminary in 1851, and ever took the deepest interest in its welfare. He was Moderator of the Synod of Pittsburg in 1861, and Commissioner to the General Assembly at Philadelphia in 1843; Charlestown, S. C., in 1852; New Orleans, La., in 1858; Albany, N. Y., in 1868; Cleveland, O., in 1875; New York, in 1889. In 1869 he received from Washington and Jefferson College the degree of Doctor of Divinity. "Theology in its systematic form was the department of study in which he took a special delight, a partiality which he retained in subsequent life. When he left the Theological Seminary he was above all else a well grounded Theologian. So deeply fixed were his convictions on all essential points, that there is no evidence that his views underwent serious changes during a ministry of 55 years. For the work of preaching, Mr. Hill had natural qualifications of a high order. He had a clear, logical mind, and a simple, direct mode of expression which fitted him eminently for successful teaching from the pulpit, and this was his idea of efficiency in ministerial work." "Dr. Hill was a public spirited citizen. There was no enterprise affecting the welfare of the community at large, in which he was not interested. In the dark days of the civil war, his voice rang out in clarion tones, as many will remember, on the side of loyalty and patriotism. He was an ardent and life-long advocate of temperance. He was a pronounced enemy of political and social corruption, and was ready to throw his influence into every legitimate enterprise for the promotion of moral reform. His home life, his life in the church and in society, his life in the wider relations where he was known, will be very pleasant to recall. Everywhere he has been respected and honored for his uprightness and consistency, for his love of truth and righteousness, for his love and service to the church of his Lord." His death on August 22, 1895, closed a remarkable pastorate of 54 years in one church. It has been said by a fellow-presbyter, "His people will never know how much he loved them."

REV. GEORGE HILL was born in Ligonier Valley, September 18, 1815. He was the grandson of Rev. George Hill, the first pastor of the Presbyterian Churches in that valley. He graduated from Jefferson College in 1837 and from the Western Theological Seminary in 1840, and was ordained and installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Blairsville, Pa., December 14, 1841. In 1847 he was elected a Director of the Western Theological Seminary; Vice-President in 1870; President in 1883, holding that office until his death. Of his fitness for that position the Board has left on record: "As a presiding



ROBERT JOHNSTON.

ROBERT JOHNSTON was a native of Indiana County. His grandfather, William Johnston, came from the north of Ireland, about the year 1796. He settled on a farm in the northern part of this county. His son William, who was a contractor, received a contract for part of the turnpike going through Armagh, and afterwards some of the canal past Nineveh. He settled in Armagh and married Jane Parker, whose father bought a section of land and laid out Armagh, in 1792. Both the Parker and Johnston families with the Tombs and Matthews did a great deal of work in clearing the forests and cultivating the land in this county. Robert Johnston,

oldest son of William Johnston, was born in Armagh, September 20th, 1809. He was educated in Halifax, N. C., and when a young man engaged in the cabinet business in Pittsburg. He married Mariah Rahm on March 22, 1838, daughter of Martin Rahm, and Dorath Anshutz Rahm, whose father, George Anshutz, built the first blast furnace in Pittsburg about 1791 or 1792. Martin Rahm was a son of Conrad Rahm who came to this country in 1742, and settled on a farm which is now covered by part of Philadelphia. He sold it and bought land adjoining the Harris estate, where he built a fort for protection from the Indians. He enlisted in the German regiment in 1776 as corporal in Captain Wiser's company; was engaged in the Battle of Trenton, in 1776, December 26, and at Princeton, January 3, 1777. He married Catharine Wiser, daughter of Conrad Wiser, who came to this country with his father, 1710, and who for 30 years was interpreter and agent for the Colonial government. He was very successful in maintaining peace with the Indians and protecting the early settlers. On the 13th of November, 1793, General George Washington with other distinguished men stood at the grave of Conrad Wiser and said this departed man rendered many services to his country in a difficult period and posterity to the present time. The family has been heavy tax payers and in many ways worked for the welfare of State and country. Some have held responsible positions and many have given their lives in the country's service. Robert Johnston bought the Moorhead farm in 1853 and improved it very greatly. His children have continued the improvement by building a number of houses.



BLAIRSVILLE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

Founded 1851.

Chartered 1893.

Term Opens September 21, 1898.



Blairsville a College Town.

Of all the institutions which help to make a desirable residence town none is more important than a local college. That Blairsville has a broad reputation for intelligence, culture and high morality is due, in no small measure, to the influence of her College for Women. Here our mothers have been trained and here our daughters are being "polished after the similitude of a palace."

Residence in a college community gives a larger financial advantage. For \$50 per year school privileges may be enjoyed which cost \$300 or more where the daughter must be sent away from home. More important still is the fact that the daughters may be educated without robbing the home of their presence during the years when they are the life and light of the social circle and without depriving the girls of a mother's counsel and comfort when most needed.

We invite an examination of the following pages devoted to the Blairsville College by those who may be looking for a desirable residence town or for a school in which to place their daughters.

FACULTY.

PRESIDENT, REV. SAMUEL B. LINHART, A. M.,
Mental and Moral Sciences.

VICE PRESIDENT, MYRTA AMANDA TRYON, A. M.,
Art, German, French.

LADY PRINCIPAL, MRS. S. B. LINHART,
PRINCIPAL OF PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT,
MRS. RACHEL CUNNINGHAM,
English Branches.

REV. J. W. CRISWELL, A. M.,
Ethics, Chemistry.

REV. R. E. McCLURE, A. B.,
Christian Evidences.

MARGARET McNAUGHER, A. B.,
Greek and Latin.

RUTH STOCKBRIDGE DAMON, A. B.,
Higher Mathematics.

MARGARET E. OLIVER, A. M.,
Natural Science and Elocution.

LUCY M. ROSS,
Pianoforte and Voice Culture.

WM. B. SLONAKER,
Steward.



ROOMS.

No institution affords better apartments for its pupils, and few so good. The rooms are large, cheerful, well lighted and well ventilated. Some of the rooms are single, but most of them are arranged in suites of two, thus, affording the bed room separate from the study.

These double rooms are always chosen first and those wishing such accommodations should engage them as early as possible. Former pupils expecting to return may reserve their apartments. All other rooms are allotted in order of application, but no room will be reserved after the opening day, except by special arrangement. These rooms were all recently refurnished with everything necessary for occupancy, including bedding, bedlinen, electric light, heat, etc.

BUILDINGS.

The cut engraved from a photograph, gives a glimpse of the buildings hidden away among the trees and shrubbery which adorn the grounds. These buildings are three stories high, and have a frontage of one hundred and sixty feet. They have been lately remodeled and entirely refurnished; bath-rooms on each floor, with all the modern toilet conveniences.

The buildings are heated with the latest improved steam-heating apparatus, and are lighted by electricity, so there is practically no danger of fire; however, modern fire escapes are attached, in case they should be needed. The view of mountain scenery from the buildings is unsurpassed. The renowned Packsaddle Gap, through which flows the Conemaugh river, made historic by the Johnstown flood, may be seen from the building, and is a favorite resort for picnic and sketching parties.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

The college has a valuable and carefully selected library, to which additions are constantly being made. The reading room is under the immediate supervision of the President, and is well supplied with magazines and the leading religious and secular papers. Students have access to the library and reading room at all times.



BOARDING.

Students from a distance are expected to board in the College, where they will be under the immediate care of the President, and will enjoy the society and constant assistance of their instructors. No expense will be spared to make the boarding satisfactory to all. Our own gardens furnish an abundant supply of fresh vegetables in season, and a bountiful supply of pure rich milk is obtained from our own dairy.



TERMS.

Boarding, Room, Heat, Light, etc., per half year	\$105 00
If paid, <i>full year</i> , in advance	185 00
Tuition in college course, per half year	20 00
" preparatory course first year, per half year	10 00
" " second and third years, per half year	15 00
Graduating fee for diploma	5 00
Music, Piano, per half year	20 00
" Voice Culture, per half year	20 00
Use of Piano for practice, one hour daily, per half year	5 00
Library Fee	1 00
ART—Drawing or Crayon, five hours per week	15 00
Oil, Water Colors, China, five hours per week	20 00
" " half term	12 00
" " per hour	25
Elocution, private lessons, each	50
Free-hand Drawing and Elocution in classes, free	
Washing, 12 plain pieces per week, per term	6 00
Dresses and skirts extra.	
Stationery and art materials at usual prices.	

No extra charge is made for German, French, Latin, or any study in the regular course.

A special rate of ten dollars per term is made for persons desiring to take a single study.



GENERAL INFORMATION

OUR AIM

This institution aims to give young ladies a liberal and practical education. Every effort is made to preserve health of body, to train the mind and to cultivate the heart in the Christian graces.

We endeavor to make the college a home. All pupils have the benefit of and direct and constant association with educated and cultured teachers.

The discipline is not severe, yet firmness is exercised where individual cases require it.

For particulars address Rev. Samuel B. Linhart, President.

CALENDAR FOR 1898-'99.

Fall Term opens	Wednesday, September 21, 1898.
Christmas Vacation begins	Saturday, December 17, 1898.
Christmas Vacation ends	Tuesday, January 3, 1899.
First Term closes	Tuesday, January 31, 1899.
Second Term opens	Wednesday, February 1, 1899.
Baccalaureate Sermon,	Sabbath, June 11, 1899.
Commencement,	Wednesday, June 14, 1899.



St. Simon and St. Jude's Parochial Schools.

ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL.

This school was established more than 50 years ago, under the pastorate of Father Stillinger, and has been well maintained by the congregation during this long period by contributions of members of the Catholic Church.

The instructors until 1873, were lay teachers, at which time, through the efforts of Father Stillinger, a large commodious building was erected to provide a residence for the community of Sisters to take charge of the schools, as this had long been the desire of Father Stillinger who, wishing the promising youth then under his charge to be given the advantage of a religious and secular education. He applied to the mother house of the Sisters of Charity, then located in Altoona, for Sisters to aid him in this project, accordingly six Sisters with Sister De Sales as Superior arrived here June 7th, 1873. They began their work of instruction in a small building of only two apartments and in this humble building many of the business men of Blairsville secured the rudiments of an education.

During Rev. E. M. McKeever's pastorate, whose zeal for education was remarkably great, the present fine school building was erected, and the good work is steadily going on under the supervision of the present pastor Rev. P. J. Hawe, whose zeal is not less great than his predecessors, as may be seen from the increased attendance during his supervision as to make it necessary to open another room.

May the good work continue through long years to come.

The course of study at this school embraces thirteen years of hard work and is a thorough, carefully graded, up-to-date school in every way. The first year is devoted to language, shaping of thought and teaching the children how to think and how to study.

The first Step proper embraces a course of reading, penmanship, spelling, arithmetic, music, science and drawing.

Step II, III, IV, continues the same branches with the addition of drawing, while Steps V and VI drop drawing and continue the other branches named, and Steps VII, VIII, IX and X add the subject of drawing to the afore mentioned course of study. While in Step XI reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, music, science, history, language, grammar and geography are taken and continued through Steps XII and XIII. During the last years of school the above named course of study covers a wide range of thought. In reading the very best text books in literature, history, etc., are used, while in music and drawing the work is most thorough. Both instrumental and vocal music are taught by the very best instructors with the result that nothing is left undone that will improve the mind and increase the usefulness of the pupils of this school.



The Convent.



Rev. J. A. Stillinger.

Pastor of S. S. Simon and Jude's R. C. Church for 40 years.



S. S. Simon and Jude's R. C. Church.



CATHOLICS were among the first settlers in the vicinity of Blairsville. Prior to the construction of the canal, the Westmoreland Colony, the centre of which was but ten miles distant, had extended across the Conemaugh into Indiana county. Upon the completion of the canal a number of laborers employed upon it took up their residence in the town and its environs.

The first Mass celebrated where the town now stands was by Dr. Gallitizin. The date is uncertain, but the circumstances will show that it was most probably before the town was laid out.

The Holy Sacrifice was offered up in the open air under a tree in a grove back of the present Church. When the grove was cut down to convert the place into a cemetery, the stump of the tree was religiously guarded by Father Stillinger, until time itself removed it. Mass was afterwards celebrated in the house of a Mr. Devinity, but for how long a time is uncertain. During the construction of the canal Mass was celebrated by Rev. Terence McGirr, of Sportsman's Hall, but Dr. D. A. Gallitizin also paid the line an occasional visit.

The building of the Church appears, however, to have been the spontaneous work of the people themselves. Be that as it may, the congregation cannot be said to have been organized until the arrival of Rev. James A. Stillinger, who was the first and the only pastor for forty-three years. The people anxious to enjoy the advantage of a resident priest, sent a delegation to Pittsburg, in the latter part of June, 1830, to meet the newly consecrated Bishop Kenrick on his way from Kentucky to his see, and laid their petition before him. But he preferred to stop at Blairsville on his way, as he did July 1st, when he administered confirmation and learned the condition of the congregation. He promised to send them a pastor, and on November 28th, Father Stillinger took up his residence in the town. He finished the little church, which had not yet been completed, had it dedicated, and continued to offer up the Holy Sacrifice twice in the month, at the same time he attended the scattered families over a large tract of the surrounding country. In 1832 he was directed by the Bishop to visit the few Catholics residing east of the Allegheny River as far north as the New York State line, a distance of 110 miles, and two years later Fayette and other counties, in the south of the State, were placed under his jurisdiction and received the benefit of his ministrations four times in the year. His parish during this time, which was not more than three years, embraced the entire breadth of the State, a distance of 160 miles. About the same time, as we have seen, he built a new Church and house at St. Vincent's and transferred his residence thither.

There he resided until September, 1844, and visited Blairsville as usual on two Sundays in the month until taking up his permanent residence here.

In the meantime, however, the congregation had so far increased as no longer to find accommodations in the Church. A new one was called for and was commenced in 1841, and completed the following year, and dedicated to the service of Almighty God on October 2nd, 1842, the Rev. James A. Stillinger continuing his labors as Pastor until September 19, 1873, on which day he died, beloved by all the members of his congregation and respected by the entire community. The Church from the time of the death of its first Pastor has prospered through the wise and zealous efforts of his worthy successors, being possessed of at the present time of Church property second to none in the town, and having a Church membership as large as any other congregation of the place, the present pastor of the congregation being Rev. P. J. Hawe.



First Methodist Episcopal Church.

History Sketch of the Blairsville M. E. Church.

The first organization was effected in 1822 by Rev. Dennis B. Dorsey, and Rev. Thomas M. Hudson, with a membership of seven persons and became one of the appointments of the Mahoning circuit, of the Baltimore conference. The services were held at first when the weather permitted in the open air and when the weather was inclement in Abner Willett's bar room, and later in a log school house which is still standing.

Bishops George and Hedding on their way from New York to attend the General Conference held at Pittsburg, in May, 1828, stopped over in Blairsville from Saturday until Tuesday and Bishop Hedding preached on Sabbath in the wagonmaker shop of William Graham. The first church edifice was begun in 1828, but was not completed for sometime afterwards. It was a brick building 30x40 feet and one story high. The first quarterly meeting was held in this building in June, 1829. The society was prosperous from the beginning and by 1837 numbered 150.

The second church edifice was built in 1847 on a lot adjoining the former one and was also of brick 45x55 feet and one story high and cost including lot and furnishing \$1700. Was dedicated in November, 1847, free of debt.

A parsonage was built in 1854 on the lot formerly occupied by the old church, and is still owned by the church though no longer occupied as a parsonage. The Pittsburg Conference held its annual session in this building in March, 1860 and was presided over by the saintly and now sainted Bishop Jones.

Soon after the adjournment of Conference the church building was torn down and a new and larger one built on the same site costing, in addition to the materials used from the old one, \$3,784. This was a two story structure and is still standing in good condition, now owned and used by the Baptist people. The Pittsburg Annual Conference held its session in this building in 1874, Bishop Foster presided, and on Sabbath morning preached a sermon of great unction and power. At this session of the Conference the present pastor, J. B. Taylor was admitted on probation.

A lot was purchased in 1886, on the corner of Walnut and Brown Streets, on which has been erected the present handsome and commodious structure worth, including the lot, \$40,000. The corner stone was laid in October, 1888, and the building dedicated December 22d, 1889, during the pastorate of Rev. T. H. Woodring, D. D.

The church has had many pastors during the 66 years of her history, the memory of whom is like ointment poured forth.

She has also sent forth fifteen young men into the ministry of Methodism, probably a larger number than any other church within the bounds of the Conference, a number of whom, after years of faithful service, have gone to their reward, a goodly number are still on the walls of Zion.

Many noble Godly men and women have been members of this church during these years, to whose zeal and consecration with the blessings of God is largely due the success attained.

The present membership is about 525 full members and 100 probationers. May the good history of the past be multiplied a thousand fold in the future.



First Lutheran Church.



HE watchword of Lutheranism is "Justification by faith alone." The Holy Scriptures are the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession is the confessional document of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity."

The Lutheran Church of Blairsville dates its beginning July 1, 1827. Rev. Sharretts, who was pastor at Indiana marshalled the Lutherans of Blairsville and vicinity and effected the organization of a congregation with a membership of twenty-five. The first officers elected by the congregation were : Elders, Henry Libengood and John Fair ; Deacons, Michael Rugh and David Earhart. The first house of worship owned by the congregation was a frame church erected in 1827 on Walnut Street. The building still stands and is now used as a stable on the property of Mrs. Dr. Hill. Rev. Sharretts continued pastor of the congregation until his death on the last day of 1836. The congregation flourished and with a membership of one hundred and fifty had outgrown the capacity of their church even during the brief sojourn of their first pastor. In 1835 the congregation received the liberal gift the two lots which still remain the site of the church on the corner of Liberty and Campbell Streets, from Elder Henry Graff. The first brick church was built here in 1836. It was remodeled in 1886 ; just half a century after the erection of the first building on the present site. In 1897 the present building was renovated.

The greatest numerical strength of the congregation was 250 during the years 1840 to 1845. The parsonage was built in 1850.

The Blairsville congregation has been served by the following pastors : Revs. Nicholas G. Sharretts, Jacob Medtart, Augustus Babb, Peter Sahn, A. Bosserman, Graft M. Pile, William Kopp (supply) John Suman, Cornelius Nitterauer, Samuel Aughey, J. R. Williams, S. P. Snyder, A. Babb, C. L. Streamer, C. M. Stock, M. Colver, F. H. Crissman, S. E. Slater, C. F. Sanders.

The longest pastorate was 9 years and 6 months ; the shortest 6 months. Revs. Sharretts and Nitterauer ended their services in the charge by death. The early history of the congregation was its growing period. Emigration turned the tide in 1850 and it has not since regained its former strength. The congregation is now in a healthy condition. The prospect is promising. The membership is 190. C. F. Sanders entered upon his duties as pastor on the first of April, '98. The present members of the Church Council are Elders Wm. Laird and Wm. Vorlage ; Deacons Walter Spiess, James Vorlage, Chas. Thompson, Levi Baylor.



First Presbyterian Church.
J. W. CRISWELL, Pastor.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Presbyterian Church, of Blairsville, was organized September 21st, 1822. Its charter members were largely of the substantial Scotch Irish stock and a large portion of its present membership are descendants of the same sturdy people.

In the seventy-six years of its history it has had but three pastors. The first, Rev. Thomas Davis, served the church from its organization in 1822, until his death in 1848. In 1841 Rev. George Hill was called to labor with Mr. Davis. After his death Dr. Hill continued the work alone until 1888, when Rev. J. W. Criswell was associated with him in the pastorate. Dr. Hill passed to his rest in 1895 after 54 years of continuous service, and Mr. Criswell continues the work. Thus in seventy-six years the church has not been without a pastor for even an hour, neither has it ever dismissed a pastor nor has any pastor ever resigned the charge. These facts attest the peaceable and reasonable disposition of the membership.

The church has experienced a steady growth throughout its history, and now numbers an active membership of 450 with as many more adherents. It ranks third in numbers in its Presbytery, it has long led in benevolent contributions and has never known debt. Its pews are free and the visitors are most cordially welcome.

The church and parsonage occupy a large square on Walnut street, and are perfectly adapted to their purpose, being equipped with every modern conveniences for church work. The present house of worship, the third used by the congregation, was erected in 1881 at a cost of \$20,000 and has a seating capacity of about 600. The congregation is served by a session of ten Elders and a board of seven Deacons.



First United Presbyterian Church, Blairsville, Pa.
REV. R. E. MCCLURE, Pastor.



THE first United Presbyterian congregation was organized in 1833.

Her growth has been gradual and substantial until her present membership is three hundred and fifty.

The congregation owns a fine church lot, situated in the center of the town, on which the opposite building stands, also a large and commodious parsonage, fitted with all modern conveniences. The congregation is not encumbered with debt, is working in perfect harmony, and has a high social and spiritual standing in the community. In connection with all the usual organizations of an up-to-date congregation, a public library and reading room is maintained by the Young People's Society, which is free to the public.

Persons desiring an ideal United Presbyterian Church home can be accommodated in Blairsville. Our pews are free, our reception cordial.

ORDER OF SERVICES.

SABBATH.

Sabbath School, 9.45 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m., 7 p. m.
O. Y. P. C. U., Jr., 3.30 p. m.
O. Y. P. C. U., Sr., 6 p. m.

WEDNESDAY.

General Prayer-meeting, 7.30 p. m.

MONDAY.

First of each month, regular session
meeting in library, 7.30 p. m.

First of each month, regular meeting
of Trustees at 8 p. m.

THURSDAY.

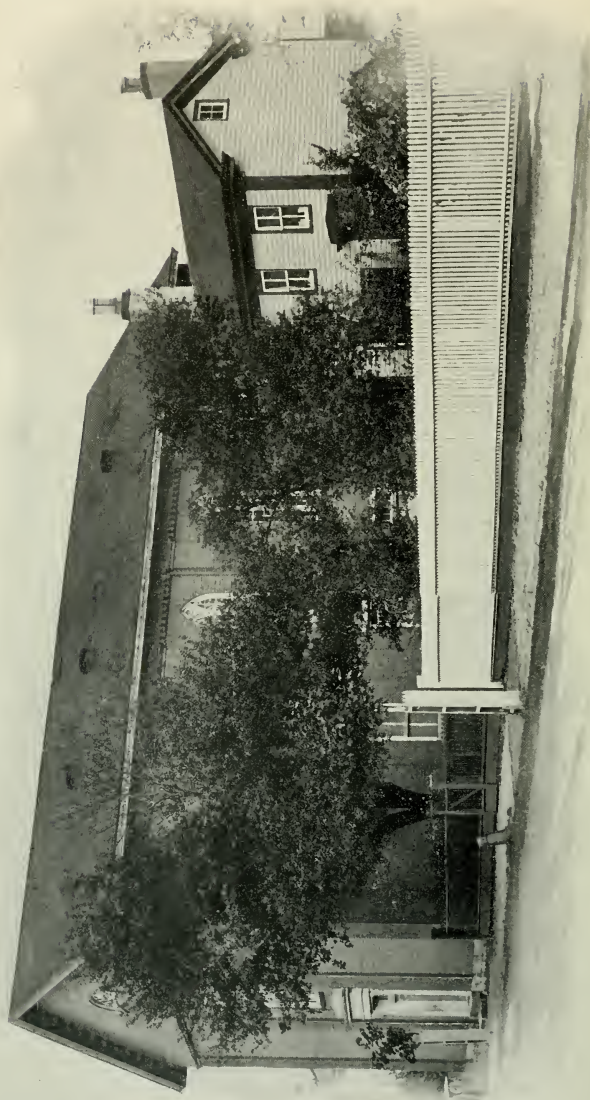
Last of each month, Ladies' Mission-
ary Society, 7.30 p. m.

First of each month, Missionary Cul-
ture Society, 7.30 p. m.



St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church and Rectory.

T. PETER'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH is situated on Campbell Street, between Walnut and Spring Streets. The congregation is one of the oldest religious bodies in Blairsville. It was regularly organized, August 17th, 1828, though there had been services held at irregular intervals for several years previous. The building committee consisted of Dr. Samuel Duffield, M. D. Sterett, Thomas McFarland and W. G. Davis. Robert Gregory was the contractor, who erected the church building upon the present church lot. This lot was a gift to the congregation from Wm. G. Davis. The building was completed in the Fall of 1830, and the Rector, the Rev. S. K. Brunot, preached his first sermon in the new building. This building has been twice refitted and in 1889 the congregation erected a very neat and convenient Rectory on the church lot. The congregation flourished under the charge of their late Rector, Rev. Alexander Vance, under whose direction the last refitting and alterations were made, which have resulted in making St. Peter's church one of the most tastefully appointed small churches in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The seats in the church are free to all who wish to attend the services and all are cordially invited to attend. Strangers are always made welcome. The Rector and church are supported by the voluntary contributions of the congregation.



First Baptist Church, of Blairsville.

Historical Sketch of the Blairsville Baptist Church.

The Blairsville Baptist Church was organized September 11, 1886. The council of recognition was presided over by Rev. D. W. Swigart ; Y. F. Barnes, Clerk. The constituent members were as follows : Mr. and Mrs. David B. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith, Mrs. Anna Wiley, Samuel M. Griffith, Samuel Sindorf, W. R. Smith. David B. Patterson and W. C. Smith were the first Deacons, W. R. Smith, Clerk, and Samuel Sindorf, Treasurer. Rev. D. W. Swigart became the first pastor, devoting one-half time to this church until 1890, when he resigned. During that time the membership increased from eight to fifty-one. The lamented Wm. Shadrach, D. D., was devoted to this church, gathered the few together for organization and frequently preached here after the organization.

Rev. M. L. Rowland became pastor after Rev. Swigart's resignation and labored faithfully until April, 1892, when he resigned. The church was pastorless about four months, when Rev. A. B. Runyan took charge. Although well advanced in years, he filled the pulpit very acceptably, alternate Sabbaths, for a period of four years. During his pastorate many were added to the membership of the church. Owing to increased physical disabilities he resigned the pastorate in August, 1896.

The church then extended a call to Rev. C. W. Teasdale for one-half of his time, who accepted the call and entered upon the pastorate the first of September, 1896. Up to that date the congregation had worshipped in different halls in the town. After due consideration the church purchased the church building formerly owned and occupied by the M. E. congregation of the town. The building was re-roofed, renovated, and made desirable and comfortable. Since the congregation has occupied it there has been a marked growth and development in the membership. In October, 1897, Rev. C. W. Teasdale, the present pastor commenced a pastorate of full time with the church, and became the first resident pastor in the history of the church.



Free Methodist Church.

Free Methodist.

The Free Methodist Church (the youngest of the Methodist family) dates her existence from 1861, and now numbers about thirty-five thousand in the United States.

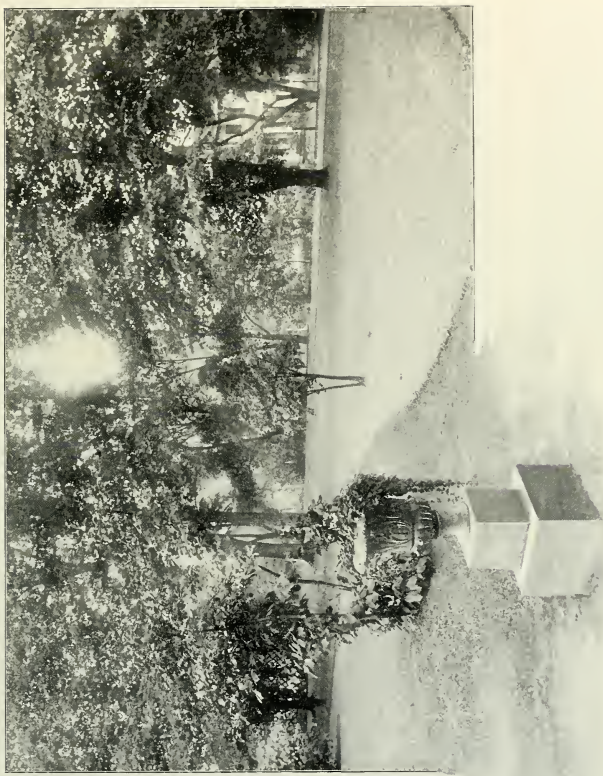
She is Methodistic in doctrine, differing somewhat from the M. E. Church in government.

Her members are held strictly to the general rules adopted by Mr. Wesley and his society in London in 1739, and insist on repentance, regeneration, and heart purity. An organization was affected in this town by the "Penticost bands," in the Fall of 1892, under the labors of Rev. E. E. Sheldhamier and his assistants. The first series of meetings were conducted in the old M. E. Church, on Liberty Street. The society, assisted by friends, built a plain but neat little Church house 32x50 feet at a cost of about \$2000, located at the lower end of town, easily accessible to both towns, Cokeville and Blairsville.

The first pastor having regular charge of the work was Rev. Kolb, who was followed by Mrs. Mary A. Morgan, who was succeeded by Rev. Adam Lenkard, the present pastor, under whom the charge has been greatly built up, the membership increasing from twelve to over fifty. Though not strong numerically the society is in a prosperous condition and out of debt. The public services are well attended. The work has been presided over by the following "District Elders:" D. B. Toby, Walter A. Sellers and A. D. Zahmiser.



View of Walnut Street Looking South from Railroad Bridge.



Part of College Park, Blairsville, Pa.



GEORGE WILKINSON.

THE accompanying cut is a good likeness of Blairsville's oldest resident, and one of her most prominent and worthy citizens, Lieutenant-Colonel George Wilkinson, who was born May 7, 1815, near Scranton, Lackawanna county, Pa., and is the only known living citizen of the United States whose father was a Révolutionary soldier. His father, Mott Wilkinson, was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1760, and served in the Revolution under his uncle, Captain Daniel Lawrence, and lived to the ripe old age of 96. They moved to Blacklick township, this county, in 1820, when the subject of our sketch, George Wilkinson,

was only five years of age, and when this country was one vast wilderness, broken only here and there by the hut and little clearing of some hardy pioneer. The only chance for an education in that early day was the few scattered subscription schools, and here Mr. Wilkinson secured the fundamental principles of an education, and learned the trade of stone mason and brick layer, which occupation he followed either as a workman or contractor much of his long active life. He has also farmed and at one time conducted a hotel in this city, and still owns a building now known as the Union House. Mr. Wilkinson was always interested in military affairs, and was commissioned as Captain of the "Blairsville Blues" by Governor Johnson in 1849. In 1858 Governor Packer commissioned him Captain of the Washington Blues, and in 1859, issued a commission to him as Lieutenant-Colonel of the first regiment uniformed militia of Pennsylvania. In 1861 he was sworn into the U. S. service as Lieutenant-Colonel. Mr. Wilkinson has been twice married and has four children living, is one of the pillars of the M. E. church, a heavy tax payer, and good financier. He is esteemed and beloved by all of our people.



HON. JOHN HILL.

HON. JOHN HILL, the son of Joshua and Margaret Cunningham Hill was born in Burrell township, Indiana county, Pa., January 6th, 1827, pursued farm work chiefly until he reached his majority, when he secured a situation with Mr. John Graff, a leading wholesale and retail hardware, grocery and produce merchant, of Blairsville, also forwarding agent for several of the transportation companies on the Pennsylvania Canal. Here the subject of our sketch labored in all departments of the business for six years when he associated himself with Samuel Ray and I. D. Pores in the same

line of business. Mr. Pores withdrew in 1858, and Messrs. Ray & Hill continued in business until 1862, when he purchased a farm adjoining the town and retired from business. In 1863 Jacob and Paul Graff and our subject formed a co-partnership and he conducted business in the town of Livermore under the firm name of Hill & Graff, for four years, when they sold the plant to Alex. Walker, and Mr. Hill removed to his farm where he lived 25 years, when on account of poor health he left the farm and has since resided in the town of Blairsville. On May 20th, 1852 he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Bossart, a native of Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland county, Pa. Four sons are living as the result of this union. Mrs. Hill died September 8, 1887, and on Dec. 12, 1889, he married Laura F. Stephenson, a native of Cumberland county, Pa. He served as First Lieutenant in Company A, 54th Regiment P. V. M., in the war of the rebellion. In 1878 he was elected to the Assembly from Indiana county for the term of two years, and re-elected in 1880 by a largely increased majority. Mr. Hill has been a member of the Lutheran church since 1850, and an Elder over forty years. In politics a Republican, and as a citizen, generous and liberal, having many friends and few enemies.



JOSEPH MOORHEAD.

JOSEPH MOORHEAD, proprietor of the BLAIRSVILLE ENTERPRISE. The oldest established newspaper in town, the BLAIRSVILLE ENTERPRISE, was established in 1880, and came into the hands of Joseph Moorhead in 1886. His son John W. Moorhead becoming a partner some years later. This paper was originally a weekly county paper, but being an enterprising sheet in its management as well as its name, it is now issued three times every week, and its excellent facilities for gathering news, its well selected correspondents, its wise management and conservative course have worked together to make the paper one of the most popular, reliable, up-to-date, newsy sheets

in this part of the country. Thus its circulation has been increased, its general standing improved and the people of Blairsville and Indiana county regard it as one of the actual household necessities, filled as it is with the latest and freshest news, with the choicest general reading and all the neighborhood items, it may indeed be said to be laden with a store house of knowledge, and the readers of the BLAIRSVILLE ENTERPRISE need have no fear but what every item published in its columns is true, in fact the latest and most accurate news from every quarter and that all objectionable and offensive news has been eliminated. The object of this paper is to supply its readers with strictly up-to-date news. It is a family paper, pure and simple, with a wide circulation and consequently a splendid medium. Joseph Moorhead & Son are men of highest integrity, reliable and honorable and possess the confidence of the people to the utmost extent.



WILLIAM DUNCAN.

WILLIAM DUNCAN. This gentleman is one of the old citizens of the town, and a merchant who stands high in the estimation of our people. Mr. Duncan was born in Cambria county, Pa., in 1838, came to Blairsville in 1870, and married one of the fairest daughters of this place. Their union has been blest with two children, both now prosperous, intelligent, leading citizens of the communities in which they live. The youngest, Dr. T. Emerson Duncan, of Wellsville, O., a leading practitioner of that town. W. B. Duncan, the oldest son, lives in Pittsburg, and is a prominent rail-

road man. Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan have for the past twelve years occupied the old homestead, and Mr. Duncan conducts one of the best kept, best stocked general stores in Blairsville. He is a careful buyer and a good man with whom to deal, because what he tells you regarding quality of goods can be implicitly relied upon. He is a man of strict integrity, honest to a cent, a gentleman of high character, and deserving of the patronage of our best people.



Residence of John K. Miller.

This gentleman is one of the old reliable grocery and queensware dealers of the town. One of those merchants who has always made it a point to keep his house stocked with goods of a superior quality and give the people who trade with him the full value of their money, in every case, with gospel weights and measures. This manner of conducting business has made his house a popular trading point, and enabled him by his judicious management to turn his goods often and thereby keep everything fresh and pure. Mr. Miller is one of those merchants who makes no great outside bluster, but enjoys the confidence of his customers in the fullest degree. He deals extensively in country produce, always giving the farmers the very best possible inducements with the result that he has a very large farmers' patronage and his store is second to none in his line in variety of goods carried or superiority of inducements offered.



Residence of John H. Deves.

This elegant home is located on the corner of Market and Walnut Streets, and is one of the most desirable homesteads in this part of the country, while its owner, Mr. John H. Devers, is one of the most pleasant, inviting and upright men in our town. Mr. Devers is a native of Ligonier, Westmoreland county, Pa., and while yet a young man, he entered upon the life of a commercial traveller. Being of a genial temperament, a fair, obliging disposition, a splendid conversationalist, thoroughly shrewd and full of business, he was very successful, and succeeded in accumulating considerable property. About three years ago he decided to leave the road and secure an ideal home where he might enjoy the fruits of his life's work, having traveled extensively, and being familiar with the advantages of every town in this part of the country, he selected Blairsville as the most beautiful, most healthful, and most desirable of any town in his knowledge. Since locating here he has served as President of the Blairsville National Bank, as a member of the Board of Trade, and is a highly esteemed citizen.



First National Bank, of Blairsville.

The First National Bank, of Blairsville, was organized in the 60's with William Maher as its president. It has had a successful career, having safely passed through two financial panics and without a single failure declared semi-annual dividends to its stockholders. To-day it enjoys the confidence and liberal patronage of the community. While its Directors have always been conservative men they have still kept abreast with the progressive methods of banking and have lately not only increased their banking facilities, but added modern strength to their vault, and placed therein special deposit boxes. The Capital Stock is \$80,000 with a Surplus Fund and Undivided Earnings of \$60,000.

Present Board of Directors—Paul Graff, J. M. Turner, Robert Smith, L. S. Clagett, A. P. Kirtland.

Present Officers—Paul Graff, President ; J. M. Turner, Vice President ; T. D. Cunningham, Cashier; Wilbur P. Graff, Ass't. Cashier.



Blairsville National Bank.

Capital Stock, \$50,000.

Surplus, \$4,000.

The Blairsville National Bank was established about four and a half years ago, and had for its promoters and officers some of the best financiers, most conservative, careful business men and capitalists of this locality. It has pursued an unbroken career of success from its earliest incipency to the present time. Its average deposits have been in the neighborhood of \$100,000, and it has paid its stockholders in dividends \$12,000, and still holds some \$4,000 undivided profits. The officers of this bank are Thomas H. Long, President; Rob't. M. Wilson, Cashier; E. F. Lewis, Assistant Cashier, while the Board of Directors are L. S. W. Ray, Thos. H. Long, Dr. Wm. Hunter, G. W. Doty, W. C. Richey, Jno. H. Devers, Geo. Wilkinson.



T. R. Travis' General Mercantile House.

 The above cut is a front view of the general mercantile house of T. R. Travis. This gentleman by his judicious and untiring efforts has builded up a standing and business reputation that brings to his doors a large trade from Blairsville and surrounding country. The stock of goods which he carries is so complete and so diversified that he is enabled to supply the varied wants and demands of almost any customer, carrying as he does a general stock, which embraces a full and carefully selected line of all kinds of dry goods and notions, clothing, carpets and rugs, hardware, tinware, china and earthenware, boots, shoes, etc. Mr. Travis has been in business here for a number of years, is pleasant to deal with, satisfied with a living profit, is a careful buyer, and sells goods as cheap as any man in this country. In fact many persons believe that they can do better with Mr. Travis than at any other place in town, both in quality and price of goods, with the result that his trade is rapidly increasing.



Interior view of the elegant John A. Graff's Dry Goods House.

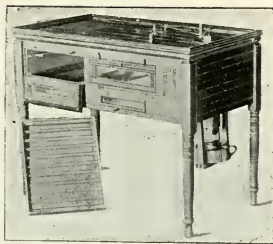
This popular dry goods establishment is a linking of the past to the present ; a reminder of the advance improvement made in mercantile life which is as great as any other profession or trade. This store was established by Matthew Graff about 1828, down by the side of the river, just as the canal boat was making its first trip between the east and the west, and from that day to this the Graff family has through each successive generation lead the trade in mercantile lines in this place. In the early days the goods carried consisted of brown cotton cloth, and cotton thread, a few bolts of broad-cloth and silk, a little coffee, tea, spices, etc., while they took in exchange home-spun jeans and linsey, furs, and other products of the pioneers. Now we find the store laden with the most fashionable dry goods, ladies furnishings, fancy notions and the like. Every thing strictly up-to-date, the best goods, the latest styles, and the lowest prices, always prevail at John A. Graff's.



M. E. Brown & Bros.' Elegant New Business Block.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Fresh and Cured Meats.

This is one of our progressive firms and the most extensive butchers and meat dealers in this part of the country, doing a very heavy wholesale business in both fresh and cured meats, supplying meat markets and groceries all over the country. They buy their stock by the car load in the West, and have the very finest facilities for slaughtering, preparing and curing meats. This firm is one of the self-made business establishments of our town, starting with small capital, and is now one of the largest firms in the county, own much real estate and are pushing, hustling merchants. Mr. M. E. Brown, the senior member of this firm, is a prominent Democratic politician, and was his party's nominee for State Treasurer in 1897. He made a very extensive canvass and polled a heavy vote.



200 Egg Capacity, Duck or Chicken Incubator.

The Blairsville Manufacturing Co., Incorporated.

This company is extensively engaged in the manufacture and sale of all sizes and styles of the celebrated Homer City Incubator. This new patent incubator is the most perfect machine of its kind on the market. It is the ideal in every respect. The material used is the very best, and although this company has only been engaged at this work for the past two years, their trade is enormous and their goods are shipped to every part of the United States, and into Canada. They also have a Brooder suited to all conditions and surroundings, self regulating, and heated just to suit the case. Their celebrated hot air Brooder makes an ideal home for the chick in his early days. This company has an extensive plant at this place, with every facility for speedy and good work. They are building up an extensive trade and their goods have never failed to prove superior to all others whenever they have been tried. Catalogues free on application.



T. C. DUNCAN, Proprietor.

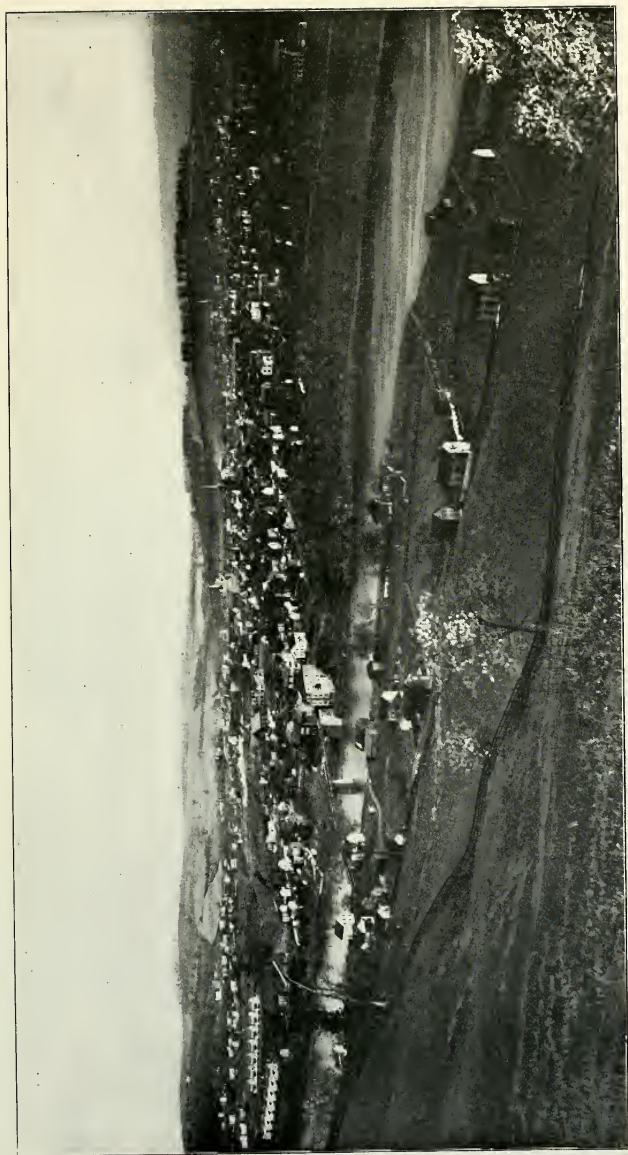
H. J. ZIMMERMAN, Manager.

BLAIRSVILLE PHARMACY.

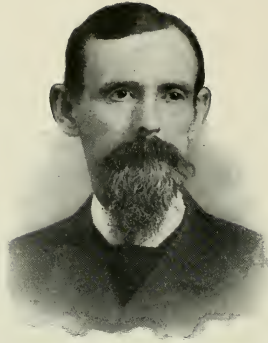
Fine Prescription Work a Specialty . . .

For all departments of the trade,
You find profession here is made,
The finest drugs, none else they sell,
And fancy articles, too, as well.

How important it is to have a careful and competent man to compound medicines. All people know that there is no branch of mercantile trade where competence and skill are so much in demand. On the Northeast corner of the Diamond will be found our chief prescription druggist, Mr. H. J. Zimmerman, a registered pharmacist, and thorough in both English and German prescription work, the only German pharmacist in Blairsville. This house carries a very complete stock of pure imported and domestic drugs and chemicals, patent and proprietary medicines, soaps, perfumery, extracts, brushes, combs, toilet and fancy articles, cigars, tobacco and smokers' supplies. This store has been newly and handsomely refurnished and restocked in the past few months and is one of the best kept business houses in town.



View of Blairsville from the West.

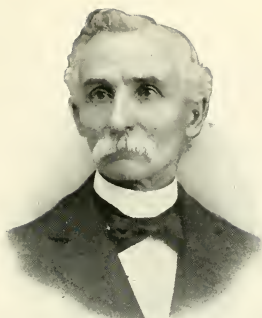


JOHN I. CHAPMAN, BURGESS.

John I. Chapman was born in this town and has been a resident all his life ; held the office of Burgess in 1868-69 ; served in Town Council ; has been more or less identified with the interests of the Borough all his life ; served in the Union army during the civil war, a member of 139th Reg., P. V., commanded by F. H. Collier, of Pittsburg, and is one of those plain, unassuming gentlemen of whom our city is proud.

ROY GERARD.

Among the men who have earned the respect and confidence of the people of Blairsville, we desire to speak particularly of Roy Gerard, who is an Englishman by birth, but has lived in Indiana County for the past 15 years. He is a mine expert and is Superintendent of the Robert Smith mining interests, and manager of his farm. Mr. Gerard is a man thoroughly educated and full of business. He has a general knowledge of trade and commerce, for which the English are everywhere noted. He is one of the finest actuaries in the country, and has for years been one of the auditors of both of our local Building and Loan Associations, where his wonderful knowledge of figures and book-keeping has made him a valuable help.



COULTER WIGGINS.

One of the most prominent and representative members of the Indiana Bar. Mr. Wiggins began the practice of law in the town of Indiana in 1864, where he successfully continued the practice until 1890 when he removed to Blairsville. Since locating here he has practiced law in all of the local Courts, and has been very successful both in volume of practice and in the care taken of the interests of his clients. Mr. Wiggins is thoroughly reliable, capable, and possesses the full confidence of the people.

J. A. SRP.

Our leading tailor. The name of J. A. Srp is a familiar one to the people of Blairsville and surrounding country. It is familiar because it is always associated with something desirable and nobby, in the way of gents' wearing apparel. Carrying as he does the largest stock and the most extensive variety of new fashionable fabrics, and being an expert cutter and fitter, it is only natural that his place should be headquarters for the best dressers in our town. Mr. Srp is a thorough artist in his work, prompt, up-to-date, and most reasonable in his prices, so that those who patronize him get the best goods, the most stylish fits, and are given the full worth of their money in every deal.



THE BLAIRSVILLE ROLLING MILL AND TIN PLATE COMPANY.

This plant manufactures only high grades of Tin and Terne Plates. Its out-put for some time has been about seventy-five thousand boxes per year. It is reported to give steadier employment to its workmen than any mill in the United States.

This company have on exhibition the thinnest plate ever rolled and tinned in this country, showing the excellence and accuracy of its machinery and skill of its workmen.

THOS. D. DAVIS, Pres.

A. E. PIPER, Gen. Supt.

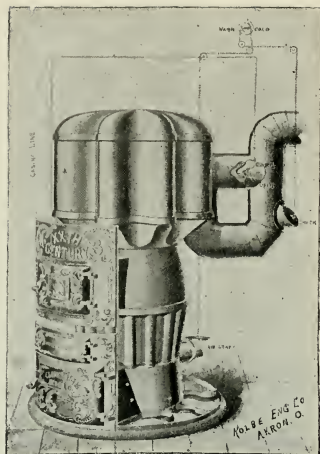
MAY DICK, Sec & Treas.

THOS. HUZZEY, Supt. of Tinning Plant.



Clark Bros. Glass Manufacturing Company.

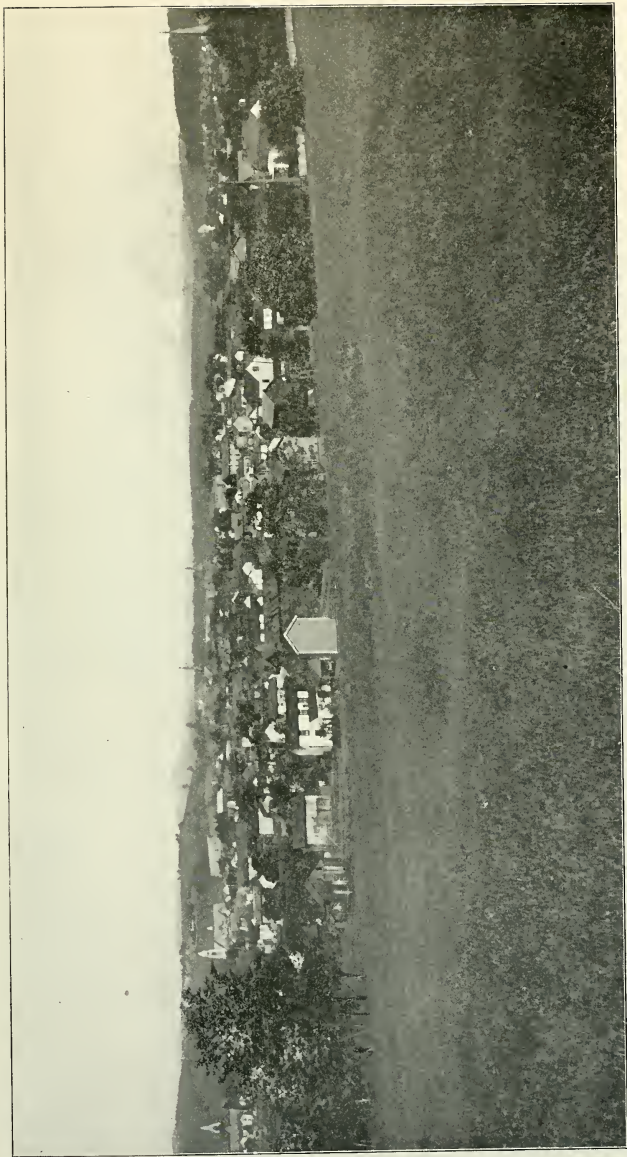
The above is a view of this company's Blairsville factory, where all the glass is manufactured to supply their immense jobbing house at Trenton, N. J. This company is probably one of the very largest manufacturers of and jobbers in lamps, lamp goods, etc. They manufacture at their home factory all the other parts of the lamp, and here they are manufacturing the glass portions, employing a large number of hands and doing a prosperous growing business. The market is already established for Clark Bros. lamps, and they are extensively shipped to every part of the United States, and also exported.



W. H. JACKSON.

Stoves, Tinware, and Housefurnishing Goods. A good store to trade at.
Slate, Tin and Iron Roofing.

This store is well stocked with all kinds of both cook and heating stoves, for coal or wood, for oil or gasoline. The assortment is very complete and the makes are the very best in every line. Tin, granite and sheet iron ware are extensively dealt in, while a specialty is made of all kinds of metal and slate roofing. Mr. Jackson is a fair man to deal with, sells and works very cheap, is a thoroughly skilled mechanic, prompt and pleasant in his dealings and is rapidly coming into favor on account of the superior inducements that he gives customers in low prices, fair dealings and good work. Mr. Jackson is sole agent for the xxth Century Furnace, the finest heater we have ever examined, small in size, simple in construction, powerful in heating capacity, is easily regulated, has the most durable fire pot, consumes all kinds of fuel, never smokes or emits gas, but makes a steady, constant, healthy heat. Never fails to give the best satisfaction. Is sold cheap with an absolute guarantee.



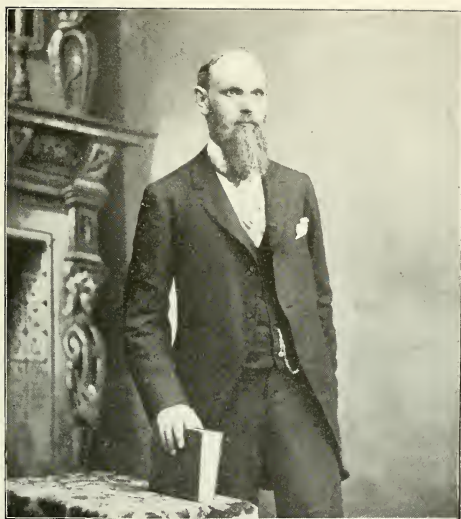
View of Blairsville from the Cemetery.



D. E. THOMPSON.

A self-made man, who by his own efforts has worked himself up from a poor boy to a prominent position in commercial, political, and social circles. D. E. Thompson was born in Blacklick township, this county, and was raised on a farm, attended the country schools in winter, and afterwards took a course of study at Elder's Ridge Academy. He taught school for two years. He was married to Julia Liekert when he was but twenty-two years of age. He has three children. Mr. Thompson came to Blairsville empty-handed, but soon secured a position and clerked for J. M. Harvey for one year. He then railroaded for a

year with the P. R. R., and accepted a position as clerk for John Graff's Sons, where he remained five years, or until April, 1894, when he started in the grocery business for himself. His well-known disposition to treat everybody right, deal honestly, and give every patron true weights and kind attention, soon built him up an extensive trade, and to-day D. E. Thompson is one of the leading grocerymen in Blairsville, successful and popular. In politics Mr. Thompson is a straight Republican, and one of the hardest workers in our town. He has served three years as City Clerk, three as City Auditor, and is now serving his second term as School Director, and is Secretary of the Board. He has been Chairman of Indiana County School Directors' Association for two years, and the Indiana County Delegate to the State Convention twice. A member of the Indiana County Agricultural Association, and in all these positions he has performed his duties in a manly, dignified, intelligent manner, and proved fully worthy of every trust. He has been highly successful in his own private business, and the people of Blairsville believe that he has a bright political future before him, and that he is amply qualified for any position in the power of our county to give.



DR. L. S. CLAGETT.

The above picture is a fair likeness of Dr. L. S. Clagett, who is the oldest physician, in point of continual practice, in Blairsville. The Doctor is a man of plain demeanor, a straight forward, industrious, capable physician, who thoroughly understands his business. Dr. Clagett is a native of Maryland, where he was raised and educated. He graduated at Brooklyn Long Island College Hospital, in 1868, and engaged in practice at Penn Station, Westmoreland county. In 1877, he completed a two years post-graduate course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, the same year moved to Blairsville, where he has built up a justly earned reputation for honor, for professional capability, and good citizenship. The Doctor is a member of the M. E. Church, and one of its most energetic workers, having been for some years Superintendent of its Sunday School.



W. H. Stitt Block.

This gentleman is a native of Pittsburg, where he was born, raised, and educated, and where, in 1864, August the 23d, he enlisted in Company G., 155th Pennsylvania Volunteers, under the command of Col. P. Pearson. Mr. Stitt came to Blairsville in 1871, and first engaged in the planing-mill business as a member of the firm of Walker, Stitt & Co. He was afterwards in the hotel business here for seven years, and still owns the the large hotel known as "Hotel Naugle." He has for the past two years been engaged in the real-estate business in addition to looking after his own properties. Mr. Stitt is one of the solid financial men of the town, an up-to-date, thoroughly qualified business man, who is always awake to the advancement of the town's best interests. He has a large number of farms and many town properties on his sale list, among which are many excellent bargains. He gives special attention to the management of rental property and collecting of rents, etc., and is the leading, most popular real estate man in Blairsville.



Interior View of the Mammoth Grocery and China House of
J. M. Harvey.

This is one of the largest and most completely stocked and splendidly equipped grocery houses in this section of the country, and its proprietor is one of the most enterprising, successful, up-to-date merchants that we know of. Mr. Harvey was born in Derry township, Westmoreland county, Pa. He is of Irish descent, is a prominent member of the Catholic Church, and a Democrat in politics. He received his education in the Catholic schools at Blairsville, and started in life as a clerk in Nicholas Maher's store without money. He saved his money, and after thirteen years as a clerk he opened up a small grocery for himself. His trade grew and his business increased until at this present writing he is a large real estate owner, is financially connected with a number of Building and Loan Associations, other financial and manufacturing interests, is serving the last year of his six years in the Borough Council, and is now the President of that body, has served two years as Borough Treasurer, and is recognized as one of the most successful men in our town, liberal minded, generous hearted, progressive and enterprising. A prime mover and worker in every scheme that has for its object the up-building of Blairsville.



Residence and Cigar Factory of Charles Rugg.

Residence and Cigar Factory of Charles Rugg, whose business was established here in 1843, and who has ever since occupied a prominent position before the trade as a manufacturer of cigars and a wholesale and retail dealer in all kinds of cigars, smokers' supplies, and a full assortment of chewing tobacco. Mr. Rugg's system of doing business has earned for him a standing among the best people of this town and the surrounding sections of country, where his goods find a ready market. He employs a number of men, and his makes of goods are always exactly what they are represented to be, so that dealers and consumers have come to know that Charles Rugg's make of cigars needs no further guarantee than his stamp. Mr. Rugg, personally, is a leader among our business men, a man in whom the people have the utmost confidence, a member of the M. E. Church, and has always done his part toward every legitimate effort to build up the industries or to extend or increase the trade limits. His location is on Market street near the Diamond.

F. M. GRAFF.

Groceries, Queensware, Hardware. and Builders' Supplies.

This prosperous business house is one of the oldest in the county, having been established in 1833, by the late Henry and Peter Graff. In 1837, John Graff, a man widely known and respected, grandfather of the present proprietor, became a partner, and ten years later assumed full control of the business. When his sons grew to manhood they were taken into partnership, and after his death, in 1885, the firm was known as John Graff's Sons. In 1894 F. M. Graff bought out the grocery and hardware department, and under his able management has not only perpetuated a good name, but by honest effort increased the business and kept up the reputation for honest and fair dealings among his many lines of goods. Among his many lines of goods he makes a specialty of flour and feed and Oliver Chilled plows, which, owing to his large trade on these, are handled by the car load. You will always find price right and goods as represented.



S. D. STIFFEY.

This gentleman has the largest hardware and stove house in Blairsville, and is one of its most prominent citizens. Mr. Stiffey is of German parentage, but was himself born and raised in this country, grew up on a farm, and at the early age of 18 came to Blairsville to learn the tinner's trade. He served in the Pennsylvania Volunteers during the civil war, and then returned and engaged in the hardware and tinware business with his brother, at whose death, in 1870, he became sole owner of the business. Mr. Stiffey carries a very extensive line of hardware, cook and heating stoves, vapor and oil stoves, does all kinds of roofing, spouting, etc., and his prominence and reliability, together with his pleasant treatment of patrons and low prices on goods, has brought him many a customer from the town and surrounding country.



Residence of Milt. C. Kerr.

This gentleman established a drug house in Blairsville more than 20 years ago, and during all the years that have since intervened he has carried on his business in a reliable, conservative, business-like manner, keeping his house constantly and carefully stocked with a full line of drugs, tinctures, patent medicines, druggists' sundries and notions. Of perfumery he makes a specialty, while in the way of toilet articles, brushes, combs, etc., the line is particularly first-class. Cigars and tobacco are extensively dealt in, and Kerr's drug store carries nothing but up-to-date goods, and our people have come to know that everything in the line at his place is the very best that the market affords, and that they will get just what they call for at the most reasonable prices. Prescription work is a special feature, and all kinds of prescriptions are accurately and promptly compounded.



Blairsville Foundry and Machine Company.

This company is one of the prominent, well-equipped manufacturing establishments of Blairsville, where special attention is given to all kinds of new and repair work. Castings of any kind or style are made to order, promptly and cheaply. Annealing rats for tin plate works are extensively manufactured, while in their machine shop every kind of work is done.

H. W. LATIMER.

A young business man of our town, whose elegant new store in the Naugle House Block teems with everything nice, new and stylish in the way of Ladies' and Gents' furnishing goods, dry goods, notions, hosiery, etc. Mr. Latimer's goods are all new, carefully selected, bought at a bargain, and are being sold in the same manner. Don't fail to see his goods and learn his prices.



MILTON G. MILLER.

Only wholesale druggist in Indiana county. Prescriptions filled day or night. Residence adjacent to the store. Stock complete, first-class and strictly pure and fresh. Prices reasonable. Polite and courteous treatment received by patrons. Satisfaction both in prices and medicine guaranteed.

R. S. ZIMMERS.

To those of our readers who wear boots, shoes or rubbers, of light or heavy weight, of high grade or low price, we desire to say there are many points of advantage and many inducements given by Mr. Zimmers that makes it pay the purchaser to see his goods and learn his prices. This well known and justly popular establishment is located in the Courier Building on Market street, in a store room that is full of goods and first-class in every respect, and that have a well established reputation for lasting qualities. The stock includes a full assortment of standard makes, and every thing sold is warranted to be as represented. In variety, the line is almost endless, while in prices this house takes the lead. Mr. P. S. Zimmers does his own buying, and his years of experience as a shoe dealer has made him a splendid judge of quality, which accounts for his shoes always giving such satisfaction, and possessing so many good features, viz: ease, style, comfort and durability. This gentleman does all kinds of repair work promptly and in good style, and no house in town possesses the popular confidence more than this old standard of honest goods and full values.



ABE BUCHMAN.

This gentleman is a young enterprising merchant, and carries one of the neatest, most elegant assortments of clothing, gents' furnishing goods, hats and caps in Blairsville. He is a self-made man, having accumulated what he has by his own hard work. He is a very kind, obliging merchant, truthful and honest, and sells goods just as cheap as good goods can be sold anywhere.

J. G. LONG & SON.

Prominent merchants, proprietors of the oldest general store in town. There is hardly a man, woman or child in the vicinity of Blairsville who is not familiar with the general merchandise house of J. G. Long & Son. This firm is one of the oldest and most thoroughly grounded in public confidence that the borough of Blairsville has in her borders. The senior partner, J. G. Long, began business here in 1861, just as the dark days of the civil war were hovering over the country. The son, Thomas H. Long, became a partner in 1872, and for more than a quarter of a century they have carried on an honest, conservative business in our midst. They have never been plungers, but instead have been careful, legitimate, energetic, business men. They buy cheap and sell cheap, handle good goods, and sell as low as a living profit will permit, deal fairly with the people, and enjoy the esteem and patronage of many of our best citizens. Mr. Thomas H. Long is president of the Blairsville National Bank.



WILBUR P. GRAFF.

WILBUR P. GRAFF is one of our prosperous young business men. After completing the course in the public schools, he graduated from Lafayette College and Eastman's Business College. Mr. Graff is Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank, and Superintendent of the Blairsville Coke Co., Limited, also a director in both of the local Building and Loan Associations and the Blairsville Library Association. He takes an active interest in politics, and has served two terms as Secretary of the Republican County Committee, and has the honor of being elected for four consecutive terms Treasurer of the city.



BOYD R. EWING

TO Boyd R. Ewing are entrusted the Borough's legal matters. Mr. Ewing was born at New Alexandria in 1870, but has lived in Blairsville since 1878. He prepared for college at Kiskiminetas Springs School, and graduated from Princeton in 1894. Two years later he was admitted to the Bar, and immediately opened law offices in Blairsville. For three consecutive terms he has been Borough Solicitor, and was recently elected Borough Secretary. Mr. Ewing's ability as an attorney has been conclusively demonstrated, and his reputation as a particularly safe and accurate counselor is well merited.



R. H. FREY.

The musical interest of Blairsville is well represented by one of the most extensive music houses in this part of the country, owned and operated by R. H. Frey. In this house is carried an extensive assortment of all kinds of musical instruments, the very best pianos and organs on the market, nothing being placed on sale but what Mr. Frey knows to be all right in every respect. He guarantees his goods to be just as represented, and has built up a reputation for high grade musical instruments that gives his house a high standing and an extensive trade. Tuning and repairing are given special attention, while a fine line of small instruments, such as guitars, mandolins and violins, is kept in stock. His line of sheet music, music books and stationery is elegant and complete, while low prices and pleasant treatment is accorded to all patrons. Mr. Frey is an extensive dealer in all kinds of sewing machines, and he sells the best makes at the lowest prices.

R. H. FREY & SON.

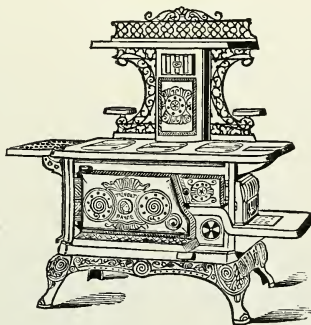
In connection with the trade in marble and granite monuments and tombstones this house must be mentioned as one of the most prominent in this part of the State. Mr. Frey, the junior member of this firm, is a practical workman, and possesses all the necessary qualifications for producing the beautiful emblems which are to mark the last resting place of those who have gone at death's call. They keep constantly on hand a complete and well selected stock of monuments and tombstones, and no house in this part of the country can offer better inducements to the general public. Frey & Son carry a large stock of Italian marble, Scotch and American granite, and their special designs are always new, pleasing and attractive. There is one special advantage in buying monuments of this firm, and that is their perfect reliability and guarantee that all work will be exactly as contracted. They put up every job in a solid, substantial manner, so that it will stand erect as long as time stands. They are reasonable in their prices, and it will pay to see them.



I. P. KLINGENSMITH, M. D., F. S. Sc.
Surgeon Pennsylvania Railroad.

DOCTOR KLINGENSMITH was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., April 19th, 1850; completing his general education at Capital University; graduated at Jefferson Medical college, March 11th, 1875; located at Derry Station where he resided until his removal to Blairsville, October 1st, 1883. He has been surgeon to the Pennsylvania Railroad since 1876, is a frequent contributor to current Surgical literature, is Secretary of the Indiana County Medical Society, and a member of the Medical Society of Pennsylvania, of the American Medical Association, besides being honored with membership in many other learned societies both in Europe and America. Dr.

Klingensmith has taken post-graduate courses on Surgery and Gynecology at the New York Polyclinic, 1892-93; at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School, 1896; and at the New York School of Clinical Medicine, 1896. He is now serving his second term in the Blairsville Town Council, of which body he was President during 1896-97 and 1897-98.



J. O. ALTER.

This gentleman began business in Blairsville in 1864, and is now one of the most prominent and leading stove dealers in town.

Mr. Alter makes a specialty of tin and slate roofing, which he does in the most artistic and durable manner. He also does plumbing of all kinds, and deals extensively in iron and wood pumps, while his stoves, furnaces and general housefurnishings are in good variety and the best makes on the market. All work entrusted to him is given prompt and careful attention.



W. M. Hosack's Delivery Wagon.

W. M. HOSACK.

Clean Grocer, and dealer in Queensware, Glass and Crockeryware.

This well known gentleman has long been connected with the business affairs of Blairsville. A groceryman here for six years, and we know that his store is one of the nicest kept, most carefully stocked in town, supplied with all the newest and freshest delicacies in the grocery line, and doing a fair part of the business of the town. He carries a class of goods that recommend themselves and sell on their merits, with low prices and the best of everything to be had. He has a neat, inviting store, abounding in staple and fancy goods, provisions and flour. Also the most beautiful line of china and glassware, while cigars, tobacco and candies, and in fact everything desirable in the line, is kept. His motto is to carry the best goods and sell at the lowest prices, give gospel weights and measures, and treat you just right. If you have not already done so, just give him a trial, and get a taste of some of the good, seasonable, fresh groceries, our word for it, he will treat you nice and give you the most and best your money will buy.



GEORGE W. DAVIS.

The furniture and undertaking business of our town has for many years been represented by George W. Davis, who has through long years of business life maintained that high standard of honor and fair dealing which has earned for him and his house the patronage from many of the best people of Blairsville and surrounding country.



Residence of Thos. G. Murray.

tive from the Third Ward, and this against a strong opponent who was on the ticket of the dominant party.

THIS, as will be noted, is one of the many handsome homes with which the town is adorned. It is situated on Stewart street, one of the principal residence streets and one of its main thoroughfares. Mr. Murray is among Blairsville's coterie of successful business men, he is public spirited, has contributed largely to all the public enterprises. His business is that of general contractor, which he has successfully followed for a number of years. Among the recent honors that his fellow citizens have conferred upon him is his election to the Town Council as a representa-



Residence of Dr. A T. Rutledge.



Residence of J. Mc. Hosack.



J. M. TURNER.



W. L. TURNER.

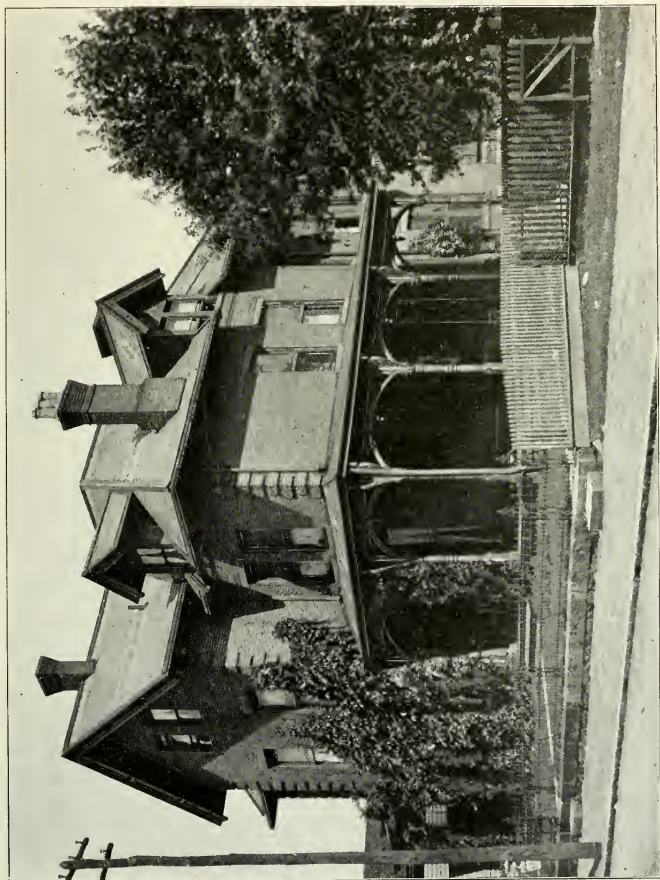
Fire, Life and Accident Insurance Men.

The senior member of this firm, J. M. Turner, was born in Indiana county, December 23, 1827, and emigrated with his parents to near Cincinnati, O., which was then the new West, in 1839, returned here and engaged in mercantile business in 1852. Was married in 1856 to Matilda Liwtner. To them were born five children, one son and four daughters, four of whom are still living, the son now being his partner in the insurance business. Mr. Turner lost his companion in 1880, and subsequently married Mrs. N. J. Thompson, his present wife. He farmed for a number of years, and has been mining and shipping coal since 1867, is a prominent member of the Presbyterian church, a Republican in politics, and enjoys the esteem of his fellowmen. The firm of Turner & Turner are our leading insurance men, reliable, progressive and public spirited.



ANTES SNYDER.

Antes Snyder was born in Selinsgrove, Snyder county, Pennsylvania. Snyder county was formed out of a part of Union county and named after his grandfather, Simon Snyder, Governor of Pennsylvania from 1809 to 1818. Mr. Snyder moved to Blairsville in 1864, and had charge of the construction of the Western Pennsylvania Railroad from Blairsville to Allegheny City, and the branch from Freeport to Butler. He removed to Freeport in 1870, and after residing in Springdale, Pittsburg and Johnstown, returned to Blairsville in 1880 and has resided in this place ever since. He has been in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company since 1863 and now holds the office of Engineer of Right of Way P. R. R.



THOMAS MAHER.



J. C. SHORT & SON.

One of the leading furniture and undertaking houses in Indiana county. J. C. Short & Son occupy one of the most prominent business blocks in town, on the corner of Market and Walnut Streets. Their store room has a frontage of 24 feet and a depth of 70 feet with two floors. All devoted to the storage of their vast stock of furniture and undertaking supplies. This business was begun nine years ago by Short & Johnston, but in 1895, it passed into the hands of its present proprietors, and they carry the largest assortment of furniture in town, they have every variety of both plain and upholstered goods, from the cheapest kitchen to the finest parlor furniture, while in the matter of undertaking they are splendidly equipped with the latest and most modern of everything pertaining to the business, are skilled embalmers, prompt in answering calls, careful and obliging in their work, and are rapidly coming into popular favor in the delicate task of undertaking.



D. M. KIER.

When it comes to footwear there is great competition, and it is sometimes hard for the buyer to distinguish between the merchant who handles shoddy goods and caters to the trade as carrying the best, and the merchant who carries strictly first-class goods of standard makes that are strong, durable and all right. But in our town it is easy to find the man who carries the best goods on the shoe market any where, goods that have a well known reputation for lasting qualities, that give ease and comfort, are neat and attractive in appearance, and wear long and well, hold their own and keep the feet dry and warm. Such a store in Blairsville is the old reliable shoe house of D. M. Kier, than which there is none better. This business was started some nine years ago under the firm name of Harvey, Kier & Co. But four years ago, Mr. Kier purchased the entire business, and by constantly adhering to the principles of good solid goods sold at the lowest living profit, he has caused the people to look upon his place as headquarters for the best boots, shoes and rubbers.



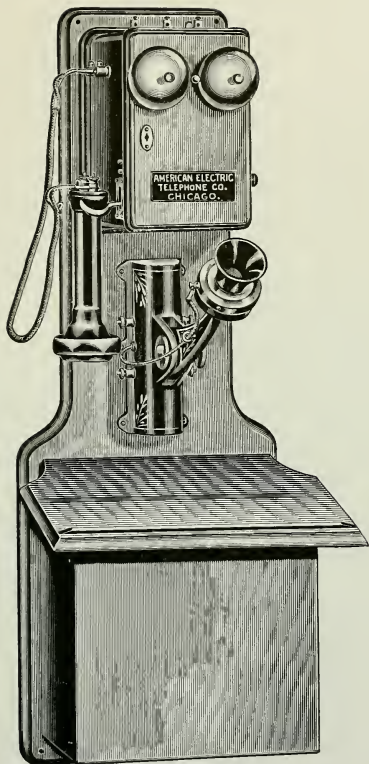
The Residence of Robert Smith one and one-half miles north of Blairsville.

There are few homes about Blairsville so perfectly and thoroughly modern as the above handsome residence. It is an ideal suburban home, beautifully located and supplied with many modern improvements which add to its comfort and convenience. It is a brick house of eight rooms finished inside with hardwood doors and mantels; with hot-water system for heating, bath room, closet, and hot and cold water throughout. The house is surrounded by a large and well shaded lawn. Mr. Robert Smith who resides here during the summer is a descendant of one of the first settlers of Indiana county. His grandfather, Daniel Smith, having located in this vicinity in 1797. Mr. Smith is engaged in the coal business and is now the oldest and one of the most successful coal operators of this region. He has been for years an extensive employer of labor, and has always been interested in the welfare of the community and the promotion of Blairsville's prosperity.



The Old Earhart Homestead. Erected 1833.

This handsomely located stately old mansion was erected by Martin Brinard, a lawyer, and is on a part of the old Moorhead farm, and it together with five acres of ground was purchased by William Earhart in 1866, and still is the property of his family. William Earhart was of Pennsylvania German stock, and devoted his life to farming, was an industrious man, and died in 1867. He was married to Martha P. Barkley in 1854. Two children, A. Barkley and Annie C. Earhart, remain to comfort their mother in her declining years. The children were raised here. The mother and daughter continue to make this their home, while the son is a prominent P. R. R. official. The family has lived here for 32 years, and are esteemed and highly regarded by all of our people, have lived just and honorable lives, and take front rank among the good citizens of Blairsville.



AMERICAN ELECTRIC TELEPHONE COMPANY.

171-173 So. Canal Street,
CHICAGO, ILL. . . .

The largest manufacturers of telephones and switchboards in the United States. All goods strictly high grade. Five hundred exchanges, aggregating one hundred thousand telephones in use. Four years service.

Write for new catalogue showing new types and prices.

OUR LOCAL TELEPHONE PLANT.

Our local telephone plant is one of the best equipped in the country, every modern device and improvement is in use, and the service which it gives is unsurpassed in promptness and efficiency.

The patrons of this company are able to communicate, not only all over town, but to all the neighboring towns and cities. We also have long distance connections giving us direct communication with the entire country.



The Residence of George W. Crede, Jr.

GEORGE W. CREDE, JR.

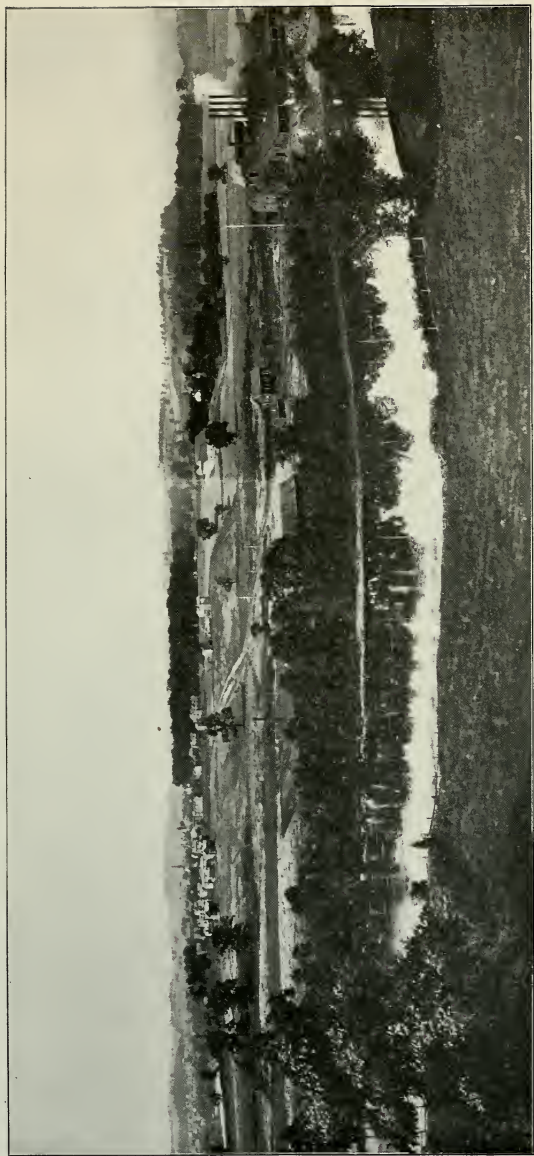
Manager of Blairsville Trade Emporium.

The subject of this sketch, like many other of our prosperous business men, was raised a poor boy in Allegheny City, Pa. He started in life with a good stock of energy and business capacity, and when he came to this town 19 years ago he started a small grocery, which afterward he converted into a general store, and for the past 15 years has been a leader in the dry goods and carpet trade in Blairsville. Mr. Crede has succeeded in building up a fine trade by handling goods that would sell on their merits and give satisfactory wear, and hold their own to the last. He never sells shoddy goods, but instead handles that which is good, carries a large variety and sells very cheap, quality considered; carries a fine line of all kind of carpets by sample, with new styles every spring and fall. He has the agency of the John and James Dobson carpet factories, of Philadelphia, the largest factory in the world. Mr. Crede was one of the organizers of the National Guard here, of which he has been a member for almost 21 years, is a patriotic citizen, a lover of the flag, and a gentleman of high culture.



E. J. GRAFF.

Mr. E. J. Graff is a native of Blairsville, and has nearly all his life been connected with the town interests and advantages. For some time past he has been engaged in the general Insurance business. His agency comprises a number of the strongest and best companies doing business in this country, any one of whose assets runs far into the millions. Old established companies whose honor and financial solidity have been tested in many a fire. His companies are noted for their prompt and fair adjustment of all losses, for their honest and just dealings with the people, and the result is Mr. Graff is doing a large part of the Insurance business of the town and surrounding country.



The Blairsville Land Improvement Company is composed of some of our generous and progressive citizens and has furnished free sites for most of the manufacturing plants of the town. The above cut, showing land situated on the banks of the Conemaugh river, above high water mark, gives only a partial view of manufacturing and residence sites owned by this company in and adjacent to the borough. Taking into account the economical, social, intellectual and economical advantages of our town ; practically free water, cheap fuel, railroad facilities, all that contributes to successful manufacturing, this point is the most desirable to be found in the Conemaugh Valley. Come and see what we have to offer.



Blairsville City Mills. E. M. Evans, Prop'r.

The mills of the God's grind slow, but the mill of E. M. Evans grinds exceedingly fast and manufacture a grade of flour that for purity and excellence is unsurpassed in the country. This mill was erected in 1852, burned in 1859, rebuilt in 1860, and came into the hands of E. M. Evans in 1874. It is a thoroughly modern mill, being supplied with every new invention needed for the manufacture of high grade flour. Its capacity is 125 barrels of wheat flour, 25 barrels of rye or buckwheat flour, 50 barrels of cornmeal or feed. It is equipped with the very best rolls, has two latest plan sifters and "Evan's Best Spring Wheat" is the finest in the land. His "Belle of the Valley" high grade blended, a mixture of spring and winter wheat, has a wide reputation for superiority. His "Triumph Roller," a straight winter wheat flour, is regarded by many as unsurpassed and makes an excellent bread.

His buckwheat and rye flour, also cornmeal and feed, are unsurpassed in quality.

Mr. Evans grew up in the milling business. His grandfather built the first mill in Western Pennsylvania. His father was a miller and he has been in the business for 40 years. Thus with wide experience and unlimited advantages he gives his patrons the best inducements in his celebrated brands of flour and meal, and pays cash for all kinds of grain.



Home of D. W. Artley.

This is one of our beautiful South Walnut Street homes, and within its walls lives one of our best known citizens. Mr. Artley was born in Berks county, and was raised in Lycoming county, Pa., where he was married August 10, 1848, to Hannah M. Riddell, who was a native of Lycoming county. Mr. Artley is a carpenter by trade, and has been master carpenter for the P. R. R. for over 36 years. They have had a family of eight children, moved to this town in 1871, and have lived here continuously since that time. He is one of our worthy citizens, respected by all our people, and is the kind of man whose presence is an honor to any town. Their eldest son, though a cripple, is extensively engaged in the retail coal trade in this city.



"Sunny Bank," Home of late Rev. James Davis.

The photographs for nearly all our engravings were taken by our well known photographer, Mr. E. H. Berlin, who is without question the finest and most skilled artist in this whole section of country. He possesses, in addition to a natural talent, years of experience, and loves his work, studies to please and labors to excel. Mr. Berlin is supplied with every device and contrivance for the speedy and satisfactory execution of fine work, and many of his photographs bear evidence of the highest skill and most artistic finish. He makes all kinds of portraits, does enlarging, crayoning, pastel, etc., and makes a specialty of view and flash-light work. And so superior is his work that people come to him from a radius of 50 miles, seeking the best possible work. He is reasonable in price, obliging to all, and a gentleman in every respect.



Citizens' Heat, Light and Power Co.

Our electric light plant was established in 1890, and is now one of the most perfect and thoroughly equipped light plants in this part of the State. It is extensively patronized by our people, though its capacity is almost double the demands that are now made upon it. It is supplied with the latest and most modern machinery in boilers, engines and dynamos, and is giving the best of satisfaction to all classes of consumers, both in the rates, which are extremely low, and in the character of service, which is unsurpassed.

Every precaution has been taken to prevent accident and insure the safety not only of the patrons but of the employees and the machinery as well.

The company is prepared to supply electrical motor power to any part of the city as well as heat for cooking or other purposes, making this one of the most complete electric plants in the country.



Ruben Einstein's Handsome Residence.

This gentleman is one of our up-to-date merchants. He was born at Meadville, Crawford Co., Pa., May 17, 1863, was in business at Meadville eight years, Kittanning, Pa., two years, at Franklin, Pa., one year, and came to Blairsville six years ago and purchased the clothing stock of John Kinkaid. He had a little room 60 feet long, but Mr. Einstein pushed the business until his increased trade and corresponding increased stock made it necessary at the end of the first year to add another 60 feet to his store building, thus doubling his room. At the end of the second year his business had again out-grown his room, and he now secured the upper floors, thus again doubling his capacity and making room for over a \$20,000 stock of clothing, shoes and furnishings, and at the expiration of his five years' lease it is Mr. Einstein's intention to build an elegant room of his own large enough to accommodate his ever increasing trade.

This rapid growth of his business we account for by the excellent variety and good quality of goods carried, his low prices and fair methods of dealing with his patrons.

